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GOVT PLANES RAID SHANGHAI

Three Fighters Greeted With Machinegun Fire WAVE OF LABOUR UNREST

Shanghai, June 20.

Pedestrians scattered into doorways and alleys, and passengers clambered out of trams and buses when machineguns in Shanghai's downtown area opened up this afternoon on three Nationalist warplanes subjecting the metropolis to a third raid since liberation a month ago.

The aircraft remained over the city for nearly a whole hour but never at any time ventured below the height, estimated at 7,000 feet.

Warning On Air Traffic

Canton, June 20.

The Chinese Foreign Office has informed all foreign airlines that if they resume their air services to Shanghai or any other Communist-held cities they do so at their own responsibility.

This warning applies particularly to the Dutch airline, KLM, which at present operates a service from Bangkok, via Singapore, to Canton.—Reuter.

Air Raids To Be Stepped Up

Canton, June 20.

A Chinese Foreign Office source said today that yesterday's cabinet resolution declaring Communist held ports closed during the period of revolt suppression had the two-fold purpose of ransacking the Central government's claim of sovereignty over the ports, and of warning foreign shipping and airlines companies that they enter the ports at their own risk, in the face of possibly increasing air and naval action.

A Central News despatch from Tientsin today indicates that the air force, whose raids on Shanghai have so far been light, will step up their raids soon. The report said Nationalist planes have been carrying out reconnaissance along the Yangtze to spot Communist shipping.

Eight Communist ships were sighted between Hankow and Anking, Anhwei province capital, the report said, while 14 ships were seen at the Woosung anchorage below Shanghai.

It is not known here whether shipping companies have yet been warned, but a representative of a foreign airline which has been negotiating for Shanghai landing permits said his embassy had warned him that the official Central government attitude was that Shanghai landings would be at the airline's risk.

Neither is it known here what plans of the Chinese Navy are. The Defence Ministry said last week that it had not ordered mining of the lower Yangtze, but it is known that the cabinet is discussing such measures.

This does not preclude independent action by naval units, which like the air force, have their headquarters on Taiwan Island and are practically independent of the Ministry of Defence in their operations.—United Press.

Several explosions were heard in the Western and South Western suburbs, where presumably the planes unloaded their bombs amid heavy anti-aircraft fire.

Meanwhile all the good work done by the new authorities towards restoring economic and commercial normalcy in Shanghai is threatened with nullification as the wave of local labour unrest continues unabated.

All wages in Shanghai are today based on the price of rice, and the present disputes revolve around the rice value of each basic dollar of the workers' pay.

New Wage Scheme

A scheme, submitted for official approval by the Chamber of Shanghai Industries, proposing a 2.88 shen of rice per basic dollar (100 shen equal one picul of 170 pounds), has been accepted by workers of some firms but in many others labour is holding out for four and even five shen of rice per dollar—which in effect means an increase of over 100 per cent over pre-liberation pay.

The few organisations that have given in to their workers are now paying the highest wages in Shanghai's history while others that are unwilling or unable to do so are inoperative for the time being, such as the American-owned "Shanghai Evening Post."

Commercial interests in the metropolis are hoping that the authorities will soon intervene and lay down a standard for all to follow—a standard that will be fair to both management and the city's one million labourers.

Observers conclude from the present agitation that labour is attempting to establish new conditions regarding remuneration before the authorities announce their new standards and to face them with a fait accompli.

As the North China Daily News says: "It is likely to involve the authorities in a little embarrassment if something is not done speedily and to place a drag on the march forward to prosperity which this city needs after 12 long years of this business."

One of the disadvantages in the present situation, the paper adds, is the inordinate appetite of labour and its refusal to face realities. "Labour must be told," said an American banker, "that there is no short cut to bigger pay packages. In the case of Shanghai only unlimited production and control of inflation will bring about a radical improvement of labour condition."

that betterment of workers' conditions had been promised and should not be delayed.

The general tendency of labour to adopt such an attitude, said this informant, was at the base of Shanghai's current industrial trouble.

In was reported today that workers in some concerns, besides holding out for greatly increased wages, are demanding a reduction of disparity between the highest and lowest pays of staff members irrespective of rank or nationality.

In Canton, Acting President Li Tsung-jen has reiterated that he will have no further dealings with the Chinese Communists, according to the newspaper Ta Kwang Pao.

The paper said that General Liu Fei, former Vice-Minister of Nationalist Defence, and Nationalist envoy in the abortive Peiping peace negotiations, had arrived in Canton, and urged General Li Tsung-jen to consider further peace talks with the Communists.

According to the paper, General Li replied: "I will not consider such a question."

Shensi Victory

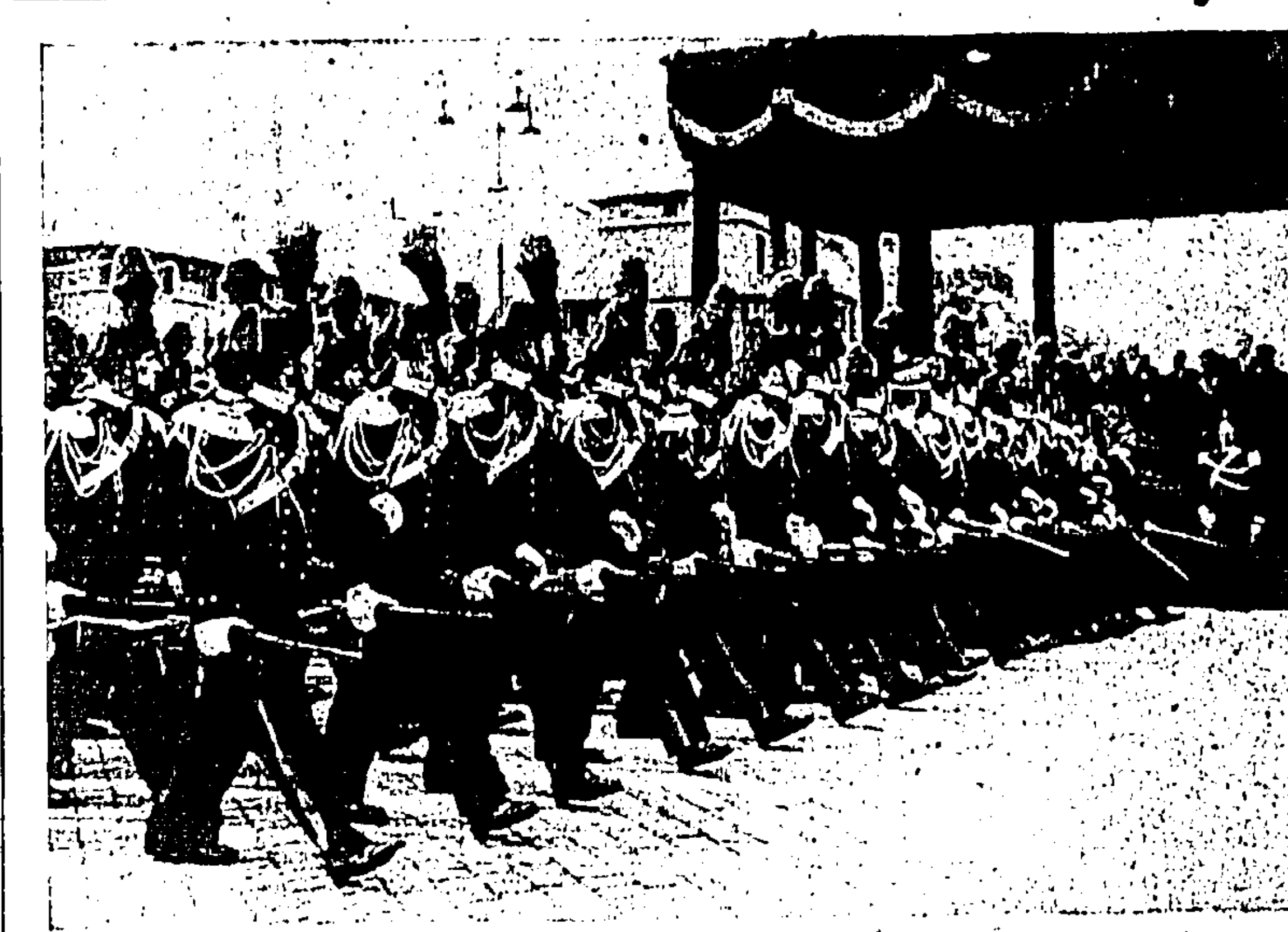
General Liu Fei, who is reported to have made two trips to Canton in the last ten days, will return to Hong Kong shortly after contacting two responsible high-ranking officials, the Ta Kwang Pao added.

The New China News Agency claimed today that troops of the People's Liberation Army had smashed the Nationalist converging movement in Central Shensi, aimed at retaking the province capital.

The forces participating in the abortive attempt were said to belong to Moslem General Ma Pu-fang, and the Shensi governor and close associate of Chiang Kai-shek, General Hu Chung-nan.

In vigorous counter-attacks, the Liberation Army units are claimed to have routed General Ma Pu-fang's Moslem troops near Kingyang, 30 kilometres North West of Sian, while General Hu's crack army was said to have been scattered and sent fleeing to the mountains in engagements at Chialikow and Chiusicheng, South West and South East of the capital respectively.

Italians Parade On Anniversary



The Italian Carabinieri Corps, in full dress uniform, march past the reviewing stand during a mass military parade along the Via del Foro Imperiali in Rome in celebration of the third anniversary of the founding of the Italian Republic. Units of all the Italian armed forces and police were paraded for inspection by President Luigi Einaudi, Premier Alcide de Gasperi and high-ranking Italian civil and military officials. The parade was prefaced by the bestowal and high-ranking Italian civil and military officials. The parade was prefaced by the bestowal and high-ranking Italian civil and military officials. The parade was prefaced by the bestowal and high-ranking Italian civil and military officials.

British Steamer Leaves HK For Shanghai

The British steamer Pakhoi left last evening for Shanghai with more than 200 Chinese passengers to resume the exodus of returnees disrupted by the "mine blockade" of the Whangpoo River.

Four of the nine ships due to leave this week with cargoes and hundreds of passengers—all Chinese—will clear port today. They are the ss Wingsang, mv. Rebeveretti, ss. Joplin Victory and ss. Tjisadane.

Inquiries for passage to the Communist city have been numerous. They have increased considerably now that the river has been declared safe for shipping.

Foreigners have apparently adopted a "wait and see" attitude as a result of the Shengkang Case, when seven European passengers were refused admission. Booking agents opined that they may show interest very shortly "as we expect the Communists to clarify the exact position of the entry of foreigners into Shanghai."

Foreign passengers to and from Tientsin, however, are still maintaining the usual quota for a ship—10 from 10 to 16. The ss Hunan arrived yesterday with 12 foreigners.

Four Ships To Leave

Ship-which according to local schedules are due to clear for Shanghai during this week include the Shengkang (June 23), Pioneer Wave (June 23), Promise (June 22), and Oregon Mail (June 24).

The American President Line transport General Gordon reached Shanghai yesterday from Japan. She is due here on Thursday en route to Manila.

Local shipping circles seemed to be calm over the Nationalist threat to bomb shipping in Communist waters, on with our normal schedules to Shanghai and Tientsin until the situation necessitates a change," they all said when approached yesterday.

Sir M.K. Lo To Propose Abandonment Of Municipal Council Plan

A proposal that the present plans for the establishment of a Municipal Council be abandoned and that the Legislative Council be reconstituted will be made at tomorrow's Legislative Council meeting by Sir Man-kam Lo.

According to Sir Man-kam Lo's proposal, the reconstituted Legislative Council should be composed of 17 members—an Official membership of six including the Governor, and an Unofficial membership of 11.

The Unofficials are to be partly elected and partly nominated and the Governor is to have an original and casting vote and the usual reserve power.

The full text of Sir Man-kam Lo's proposal to be made tomorrow follows:

Since the publication of the despatch of the Secretary of State for the Colonies dated July 3 1947, in which he gave general approval to the recommendations submitted by Sir Mark Young and contained in his despatch No. 145 of October 22, 1946, it has become increasingly evident that in the view of the general public of Hong Kong:

The proposals of Sir Mark Young involving the creation of a Municipal Council and minor modifications of the constitution of the Legislative Council are no longer considered to be the best means of giving to the inhabitants of the Colony a fuller and more responsible share in the management of their own affairs.

Sufficient consideration was not given to alternative methods of achieving this object; the most effective means of achieving his object is a more fundamental modification of the Constitution of the Legislative Council.

Larger Share

Therefore in order to make known to His Majesty's Government as soon as possible the present views of the Colony it is hereby moved that for the purpose of affording the inhabitants of the Colony a fuller and more responsible share in the management of their own affairs:

SCAP ACCUSES RUSSIA ON REPATRIATION

Tokyo, June 20.

General Douglas MacArthur ripped into the Russians again tonight and accused them of having never met their quota for the repatriation of Japanese to which the Soviet agreed to in joint talks here two years ago.

The new blast at the Russians by the Supreme Commander came only one week after he had denounced Russia as "an inciter of disorder and violence in an otherwise orderly Japanese society."

The attack came as he acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Soviet member of the Allied Council for Japan indicating that the Russians will lift their prolonged six months suspension of Japanese repatriation effective June 25.

He said during the period of June 25 through June 30, a total of 10,000 Japanese repatriates are to leave the Soviet ports of Rhodka, Siberia, and Maoka, Karafuto, aboard SCAP-owned ships.

The official release by General MacArthur's Public Information Office said SCAP is prepared immediately to receive repatriates from any Asiatic ports designated by the Soviet.

The statement pointed out that General MacArthur had made repeated offers in the past to furnish repatriation shipping and other facilities to the Soviets to accomplish the return of Japanese prisoners at rates far in excess of 50,000.

Agreement

In June, 1947, American and Russian officials signed a repatriation agreement; here in which the Russians promised to send home 30,000 Japanese monthly. Soviet failure to do this has been a serious blow to Russian prestige. Even the Japanese Communist Party has protested at the slowness of the Russian repatriation of the thousands of Japanese they still hold.

General MacArthur did not repeat the offer in the past to furnish repatriation shipping and other facilities to the Soviets to accomplish the return of Japanese prisoners at rates far in excess of 50,000.

AUSSIE RED FOUND GUILTY

Sydney, June 20. A Sydney jury today found Mr. Laurence Louis Sharkey, 60-year-old General Secretary of the Australian Communist Party, guilty of uttering seditious words. Mr. Justice Walter Dwyer delivered sentence, at the request of Mr. Sharkey's defence counsel, pending a decision by the High Court in a Queensland case, in which it was claimed that sections of the Ormes Act, under which the Communist leader was prosecuted, are unconstitutional.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty after 35 minutes' deliberation.—Reuter.

Qantas Steps Up Flights To Hong Kong

Sydney, June 20. In order to cope with the heavy traffic from Hong Kong to Australia, Qantas Empire Airways has announced the inauguration of a regular fortnightly service via Darwin and Labuan, Borneo.

The first plane, leaving Sydney on June 26 with a group of Sydney aviation writers, will arrive in Hong Kong on June 27 and depart on its return trip on June 28.

The writers will include Mr. John Ulin, of the Sydney Sun, who is a son of the late Mr. Charles Ulin, Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith's navigator on the "Southern Cross"; and also Mr. Ray Utting, Sydney editor of the Australian United Press.

Dudley Osborne of the Telegraph, Mr. Frank Proust of the Herald and the Australian Broadcasting Commission's attractive Miss Val Valkenberg.—United Press.

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OKINAWA TYPHOON WARNING

Tokyo, June 20. A typhoon which may strike the vicinity this afternoon is the same time Western Japan reported flood conditions and week-end torrential rains.

Japanese press reports told four deaths and heavy property damage.

Headquarters of the 2,143 Weather Wing at Tokyo said a typhoon on Sunday had maximum surface winds of 100 knots (115 m.p.h.). Its centre was to be near Okinawa this afternoon with winds up to 90 knots. Moderate winds and heavy rain were probable in the Japanese Islands, the Air Weather Wing predicted.

Japanese press reports of flood damage and destruction elsewhere and generally are inclining toward over-emphasis. However, yesterday's downpour, according to figures from the Central Meteorological Observatory for 24 hours yesterday ranged from 10 to 18 inches at Kochi to 1-2 inches at Oshima.

Tokyo recorded 3.55 inches, Kyoto 5.3, Kobe 3.66 and Osaka 4.4.

Figures for 7 a.m. today for most points showed from 1/4 to one inch additional.—Associated Press.

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SEQUEL TO DARING DAYLIGHT ROBBERY

Unemployed Gets Two Years Gaol

An unemployed Chinese man, aged 29, was charged at Kowloon yesterday with stealing one lady's cream-coloured woollen overcoat, valued at \$100, three pieces of cotton material, valued at \$20, and four Chinese preserved hams, total weight about 24 lbs valued at \$40, from 36 Granville Road in the small hours of June 16.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour and to be deported for life.

He was arrested by the police on June 19 at the roof of 62, Granville Road.

Defendant told the police that the clothing and the materials were pawned and the ham was sold to a street hawk.

Apart from the ham, all the stolen articles were recovered by the police.

Defendant had two previous convictions and he was twice ordered to be deported.

Europeans Convicted At Central

Two Europeans were convicted by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday for breach of entertainment tax regulations.

It was alleged by Goh Hon-yin, manager of the Oriental Theatre, that on June 19 the two defendants, Stanley Cooke of HMS Cosack and Able Seaman Reginald Jarard of HMS Belfast, were copying dress circle seats in the theatre. When asked for their tickets, defendants were not able to produce them.

Defendants pleaded not guilty, and first defendant told the court that he bought the two tickets but had thrown them away by force of habit, after being shown to the seats.

After hearing testimonies of the good conduct and excellent character of defendants by Lt. Lloyd of HMS Belfast and Senior Engineer Stevens of HMS Cosack, the magistrate registered a caution against them.

U.S. Army LST Causes Stir

Considerable excitement prevailed at Kowloon Wharf yesterday afternoon when the United States Army LST 799 berthed alongside to load cargo.

The curiosity increased when soldiers of the Chinese Nationalist Army were seen on the deck mingling with the American crew.

No information and no inquiries from the ship's personnel. The Press was referred to higher level authorities.

However, the American Consulate is in the dark regarding the movement of the LST 799.

The craft has been in local waters for more than a fortnight. She took in the Nationalist soldiers last Saturday from a Butterfield and Swire steamer.

Original plans for the LST 799 included the evacuation of American nationals in Canton and also American.

WARNING TO DRIVERS ISSUED

A warning was reiterated by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday, that drivers and learner-drivers charged with breach of their licence regulations may have their licences endorsed or cancelled in future.

Ching Yuen-may, a woman learner-driver, and Yu On-shun, another learner-driver, were fined \$100 each for driving along roads not specified in their licences.

Leo Chun-chow and Li Wah-tung, licensed drivers were each fined \$150 for permitting the learner-drivers to commit these offences.

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THE EVERGREEN

800 Nathan Road, Kowloon

What was described as a "daring, well-planned and daringly exploited" armed robbery had its echo at the Criminal Sessions yesterday. The raid, at which \$23,000 in monies and jewellery was netted, took place in broad daylight on June 27, 1948, at a waterfront firm.

Mr. M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted, told Mr. Justice Williams, Puisne Judge, and a jury of six men and one woman that it was not until seven months later that three of the alleged raiders were apprehended following intensive police investigation.

The three accused in the dock are Wong Kau, Wong Ping and Tang Yau-fat, charged with taking part in the said robbery. First and second accused are defended by Mr. Percy Chen instructed by Mr. A. J. Arculli. Mr. Heenan is assisted by Detective Inspector T. Cashman.

Crown Counsel stated that the robbery took place at 10.30 a.m. on June 27, 1948. The premises were the Tin Pui Import and Export firm of 80 Connaught Road, first floor. In addition to doing their regular business, he said, the firm also carried on a remittance of currencies.

The firm manager, Lee Sau-hing was present with nine folk at the time, when the doorbell rang. Upon opening the door, three men came in. Two passed along the passage into a room where the manager was while the third went towards the kitchen.

Mr. Heenan went on to say that the two men then spoke to the manager about the remittance of some money. The manager however became suspicious. He came out of the room and proceeded towards the verandah, intending to jump onto the ground floor, but was stopped by the two men, because who had drawn revolvers.

Tied With Wires

All the inmates of the premises were then herded into a cubicle and tied with wires. The office safe and a safe in the managers' own room was then opened with keys found in the premises and the contents, \$23,000 worth of U.S., Straits, and Hong Kong dollars as well as other articles of jewellery were taken.

The occupants were also relieved of some of their personal effects. The robbers then withdrew.

Mr. Heenan went on to state that police enquiries then went on after the matter had been reported. On January 18 this year, he said, the first accused was arrested in Tai Po District. A few days later the second accused was arrested. The latter after some time turned over a fountain pen to the police, which was later identified as part of the loot taken from the robbery.

On January 23, the third accused was arrested on board a bus in the Ping Shan District, New Territories.

All the accused made cautioned statements with regard to the robbery and were identified by the victims premises at an identification parade.

The manager of the firm then took the stand to give corroborative evidence, after which he was cross-examined by Mr. Percy Chen.

Following evidence by other witnesses, hearing was adjourned until 10 this morning.

SOLDIER IS CAUTIONED

Private S. Holloway of the Headquarters Company, N.T. Head Battalion, Buffs, Stanley Fort, was cautioned and discharged by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday for maliciously damaging a water pipe and an advertisement board at the Kowloon Star Ferry Wharf.

Private Holloway was arrested on June 18 when he was seen committing the offence at the wharf by a ferry watchman.

Defendant said that he did the offence because he was under the influence of liquor.

The court also ordered defendant to pay the Star Ferry Co. compensation of \$50.

LARCENY BY FINDING

On a charge of larceny by finding of a gold chain valued at \$80, Mak Sum, an amah, was yesterday sentenced to two months at Kowloon yesterday.

The complainant, a woman named Chow Chun, residing at No. 228, Kung Street second floor, left her gold chain in the kitchen after her bath on Saturday.

Next morning she went to the kitchen to get her gold chain and found it was missing.

The police were informed and it was discovered that defendant had given the gold chain to a friend to keep.

WEDDING

The wedding took place at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office yesterday of Theobald Coleman, a British, civil employee, U.S. Army, of Grand Hotel, Kowloon, and Miss Joyce Nigel, daughter of Melbourne, Australia, of 66 Kimberley Road, Kowloon. Witnesses were Mr. Symonds and Miss K. O. Atwell.

Application To Issue Writ Refused

"A Supreme Court Judge, sitting in Summary Jurisdiction is the Supreme Court merely applying a simplified procedure to deal with limited matters, but it is still the Supreme Court."

This remark was made by Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, when he refused yesterday an application to issue a Writ commanding Mr. Justice Scholes to hear a tenancy dispute on its merits.

The application was made by B.C. Randall, of 18 Cumberland Road before a Full Court composed of the Chief Justice and the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Williams.

The applicant on May 20 had his appeal against an eviction order by a Tenancy Tribunal, dismissed by Mr. Scholes.

Randall's ground for the appeal had been that the Tribunal was wrong in law in making an eviction order under section 18 (c) of the Landlord and Tenants Ordinance, 1947, because the contractual tenancy of the premises in question was still subsisting.

Randall was represented by Mr. E.A. Bernacchi instructed by Mr. Y.H. Chan of T.S. and Ho Chan. The respondent, Wong Yuet-kwai, of 86 Bonham Road, was represented by Mr. John McNeill instructed by Mr. F.G. Nigel of Johnson Stokes and Master.

The Full Court comprised the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, and Mr. Justice Williams, Puisne Judge.

Alma Estates Hold Meet

The Alma Estates Limited held its 35th annual meeting of shareholders at Marina House yesterday.

The company's report and accounts were confirmed by the meeting.

The retiring Director, Mr. W. A. Welch, was re-elected to the Board, and Mr. H. Kadoorie's appointment to the Board in place of Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie who had resigned, was confirmed.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. A. Welch, supported by Mr. H. Kadoorie and Mr. H. Cleland (Directors). Mr. C. E. Abbas (representing the Secretaries and General Managers, J. A. Wattie and Company Limited) and shareholders representing 15,480 shares.

Samagaga Rubber Company Meeting

The Samagaga Rubber Company Limited held its 34th annual meeting of shareholders at Marina House yesterday.

On the proposal of Mr. W. A. Welch, who presided, seconded by Mr. Horace Kadoorie, the report and accounts were adopted.

Mr. W. A. Welch, the retiring Director, was re-elected; and Mr. Horace Kadoorie's appointment to the Board in place of Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, who had resigned on leaving Hong Kong, was confirmed.

Lowie Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors.

ORDINANCE TO BE REPEALED

The number of barristers-at-law practising here being considered "adequate," the Supreme Court (Emergency) Ordinance, 1946, is to be repealed.

A Bill to repeal the Ordinance will have its first reading at tomorrow's Legislative Council meeting.

The Supreme Court (Emergency) Ordinance, 1946, made provision for a measure of fusion between the professions of Barrister and Solicitor, because in 1946 and for a substantial period the number of barristers in active practice in the Colony was insufficient.

The number of Barristers in practice being now adequate, provision is not now necessary.

A Reception Dinner of the Past Pupils of St. Louis College, Macao, will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Roof Garden, at 8 p.m. today.



Reminders

Today

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.
HK Rotary Club, talk on "Forestry" by Mr. Tamworth, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 7.30 p.m.
Urban Council meeting, GPO Building, 4.15 p.m.
Kowloon Union Church, women's guild meeting, 10 a.m.
HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 8.45 p.m.
First Round games in Colony's Open Girls Lawn Bowls Championship.
Reunion Dinner of Past Pupils of St. Louis College, Macao, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Toe H Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Amateur Radio Transmitting Society, annual meeting, China Fleet Club theatre, 5.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Y's Men's Club, talk on "Education" by Mr. Lim Hay-lan, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
RAF Association, luncheon, Jacobson Room, HK Hotel 12.45 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Postwar British Shipping" by Commander R. A. C. Beeching, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m. (June 30 meeting will be closed)

To Kwa Wan Lot Sold For Upset Price

An area of 10,000 square feet at To Kwa Wan, between Hung Chung Road and Sheung Heung Road, known as Kowloon Island Lot No. 6553, was sold by public auction at the Public Works Department yesterday.

There were no bidders, and the land was sold at the upset price of HK\$50,000 to the Ching Hua Manufacturing Company Limited of 18 Prince's Building who originally applied to the Government for the lot.

The Ching Hua Manufacturing is purchasing the lot for the extension of their factory premises, and one of the conditions of sale is that only factory buildings are allowed to be put up, with such premises for staff accommodation as may be allowed by the Director of Public Works.

The purchaser must spend not less than HK\$150,000 in improvements on the lot within 18 months after the date of sale, and must level a considerable portion of the land to road level, including a part which belongs to Government.

The sale was on the usual 75-year lease, with option of renewal for another 75 years at an annual Crown rent HK\$250.

GOLD ORDERED TO BE CONFISCATED

Gold, weighing 660 tael and officially valued at \$53,200, was found concealed in the girl's of a 14-year-old kitchen boy working on the ss. Cheung Hing, during a routine search by Revenue Officers on June 18.

When the charge of importing gold without a permit was read at Central yesterday before Mr. Thomas Tam, defendant was absent. The gold was ordered to be confiscated and defendant's bail of \$5 was exonerated.

SLIM OFF ON INSPECTION TRIP

London, June 19.
Field Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, left here tonight in a Royal Air Force plane for North Africa to make an inspection tour of British troops.

The Field Marshal, who will return here next Friday, will visit Benghazi and then go on to Tripoli—Reuters.

A number of sealed Japanese air raid tunnels near Repulse Bay are being opened for filling in. A Government spokesman said that the interior of the tunnels are in such a bad condition that they have had to be unsealed and filled in. Shown here is one of the opened tunnels.—"China Mail" Photo.

Bell Found From A Pirate Hide-Out

A hide-out in a deep hill cave at Chung Hum Kok, Stanley Bay, believed to be occupied by a notorious pirate, Chung Po-tsai, and his gang over a century ago remains unexplored today.

Falling rocks blocked the entrance to the cave and what is hidden within is still a mystery.

Chung was one of the most sought-after criminals of the Ching Dynasty during the last century for his numerous piracies in South China.

Making the present Stanley Peninsula his naval base, he and his gang had pirated almost every Chinese and European vessels passing his territories.

He was finally executed by Ching officials in the Poa On district after his 30 years' disastrous operations.

The hills at Chung Hum Kok have always been militarily significant as ruined fortresses of the last war can be seen scattered among them. Chung had his tactical reasons to pick the cave as hide-out, as the cave was big enough to house more than 2,000 men, according to a village elder.

There was a lengthy tunnel underground leading to a temple two miles away.

It was said that Chung and a monk in that temple were on such friendly terms that the monk used to warn the pirates from miles away when he saw government forces approaching from afar.

The temple, situated at a beach in the Bay stands there unchanged today. The 180-year-old bell is still there but only to serve its religious purpose.

Teacher Visits Cave
A school teacher in the village said that he had visited the cave before its entrance was blocked. He was then in company with some armed police officers.

But after going into the cave for a few yards, he could not proceed as it was too dark.

"No one dared to enter that cave, not even the Japanese gendarmes," said a fisherman, some of them had armed themselves with machine guns and torch lights, yet they withdrew as the darkness and the sinking smells scared them to death."

However, a junkman who claimed that he had entered the cave to a certain depth said all he saw were some stone tables and chairs.

It was said that poisonous snakes are keeping curious folk from getting any further.

What is lying in the cave? Chests of jewels and valuable coins or a couple of skeletons of the buccaniers? No one can tell.

IMPRISONMENT FOR STEALING

A total of two and a half years' imprisonment was imposed on Chan Tak-may, unemployed, aged 23, of Shanghai, for committing simple larceny on two counts.

Defendant was reported to have stolen a wrist watch from the Honourable Walter Stote on Hankow Road on March 27, and on June 16 he was reported to have stolen one wrist watch, one pair of jade earrings, one gold ring, one gold brooch and one gold pendant from the Ceylon Store, also on Hapkw Road.

An incident which occurred last Sunday near Clear Water Bay involving the ferry launch Man Ping of the Yau-mat Ferry and a passenger sampan, owned by a "water woman," was reported to the Marine Department yesterday.

It was stated that the ferry launch drifted away when the bow portion to which the rope was fastened broke.

Total loss included personal belongings, a pair of gold ear-rings, equipment and licence, estimated to cost about \$148 in all.



The hide-out of Chang Po-tsai, pirate leader here more than 100 years ago, today remains unexplored at Stanley. The hide-out is a deep cave which none have dared to enter. The 180-year-old bell, shown here, which was used by a monk to signal or warn the pirates however, is still on Stanley Peninsula being used by a Chinese temple.—"China Mail" Photo.

Illegal Possession Of Pistol

An American Chinese was fined \$1,000 at Kowloon yesterday for illegally possessing a Colt .45 automatic and four empty magazines.

Chi Loy, aged 57, former laundry man in New York, was arrested by police at the Kowloon Railway Station on June 18 while going to Canton with his wife by an express train.

The empty magazines were found in defendant's kit bag and the pistol was discovered concealed in the inner pocket of defendant's blue overcoat which was in his luggage.

Defendant said that he did not know that the coat contained a gun because he was taking the coat to his friend's relative in Tai Shan at the request of his friend in the United States.

The court ordered that the gun and the empty magazines to be confiscated by the police.

THE APPLE WAS TOO TEMPTING

A woman, Tang Yuk-chan, went to a fruit stall hawk in Canton Road on Friday to buy apples.

Tang took an apple with her right hand and asked the hawk how much it would cost and at the same time with a handkerchief in her left hand took another apple.

The hawk chased the defendant and she was arrested by a constable.

At Kowloon yesterday, defendant denied the charge, saying that the hawk lost her temper when she refused to buy his apple because it was too expensive at 15 cents.

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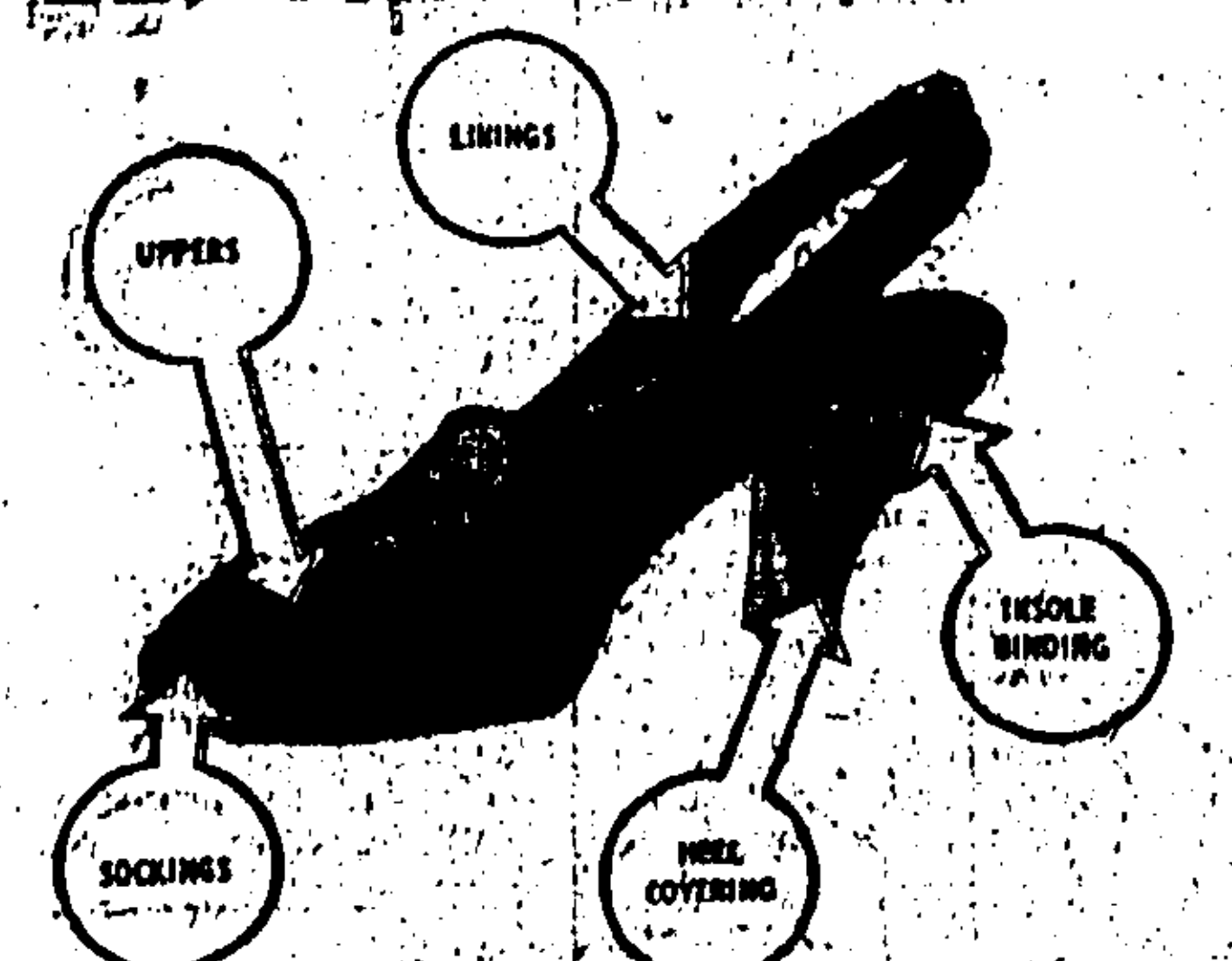
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CHINESE ENVOY TO SEE
TRUMAN ON DEFENCE
STRATEGY AND U.S. HELP

Washington, June 19.

A high Chinese envoy will call on President Truman this week in what may be Nationalist China's final desperate effort to get more American aid for the fight against the Communists.

Dr. Kan Chieh-hou, personal representative of the Nationalist Acting President, Li Tsung-jen, has a tentative White House date for Wednesday. He will hand to President Truman a personal letter from Li Tsung-jen. Dr. Kan is also expected to place before Mr. Truman a secret Nationalist plan for the last-ditch defence of Western China.

In discussing the China situation with other American officials, Dr. Kan has said that under the plan he believes China can hold out against the Communists without American help, but resistance will be more effective if American aid is forthcoming.

While there has been no official comment, there are indications that the United States will reject Dr. Kan's bid and stick to its policy of no further aid to the Nationalists. Despite the approaching climax in China, it has taken Dr. Kan two weeks to get an appointment with President Truman.

Contacts Made

While waiting to see President Truman, Dr. Kan has been contacting influential men in and out of the government in an effort to win support for further aid to China.

He saw the former Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, Acting State Secretary James Webb and Far Eastern experts of the State Department. He also contacted pro-China members of the Congress from whom most of the pressure for further China aid stems.

Orchestra's
Losing
Tour In UK

Manchester, England, June 20.

The concert promoter, Mr. Harold Fielding lost £23,000 on the Philadelphia orchestra's four weeks' British tour, but he said on Saturday he is willing to try again next year.

"I lost that money because people stayed at home," said the 29-year-old impresario, Eugene Ormandy, Hungarian-born conductor of the famed orchestra, said that he liked the way British audiences received him.

"They are far from cold," he said. "They will pay 35 shillings for celebrity concerts by individual artists, but they refuse to support a great orchestra at probably any price."

During the last 10 days of the tour, Mr. Fielding slashed admission prices to fill what he called soul destroying empty chairs.

Friday night's farewell concert at Manchester, home of Sir John Barbirolli's famed Halle orchestra, was played to a full house but ticket prices had been cut to between three and nine shillings. Previous prices had been double that.—Associated Press.

Damascus, June 19. The Syrian Foreign Minister, Emir Abdul Arslan, declared here tonight that if the United Nations fails to find a reasonable way to compensate Arab refugees unwilling to be repatriated, he will suggest that Arab Governments confiscate all Jewish properties in Arab countries for the refugees' benefit.—Reuter.

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Mexico Criticised By
Guatemalan Paper

Guatemala, June 19.

The independent newspaper La Hora today criticised Mexico for using its power as a club over Guatemala. Both Guatemala and Mexico have laid claim to a part of British Honduras. La Hora said in an editorial: "When the British go—and it looks like they are going—Belize (the name by which Guatemala refers to British Honduras) will have new dominators—the Mexicans."

The newspaper's outspoken editorials, demanding a firm stand by Guatemala in the dispute over Honduras, are widely believed to be the reason why Britain sent a cruiser last year to Belize, the capital of British Honduras, to protect the territory from irresponsible elements in Guatemala.

Today's editorial ignored Britain and gave the impression that the paper now regarded Mexico as Guatemala's biggest obstacle to the recovery of the long-disputed territory.

Citing incidents over several centuries, the editorial charged that Mexico had sacrificed Guatemala just as Mexico herself had been sacrificed by the United States.

The paper expressed the hope that the Mexicans would change their attitude and support Guatemala's claim. Mexico filed her claim to part of British Honduras on June 1 through Senator Benito Conque, the Mexican delegate to the Inter-American Commission on Dependent Territories.—Reuter.

EMANCIPATION
OF PI WOMEN

Manila, June 18.

President Quirino today signed the Republic's new Civil Code in his study room at Malacanang Palace in the presence of a delegation of prominent women leaders.

Afterwards the President said that the measure completes the emancipation of the Filipino women. He also congratulated members of the Code Committee who were present during the signing ceremony.—Reuter.

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Greek Army Gains
Upper Hand Over
Guerillas--Athens

Washington, June 19.

Athens reports to the United States State Department indicated today that the American advised Greek Army, profiting from Marshal Tito's split with the Cominform, is gaining a definite upper hand for the first time over the Communist guerillas.

The guerilla combat forces have been reduced from their peak of 25,000 to around 18,000, with women comprising an estimated 40 per cent of the fighters, the reports said.

A substantial number of the remainder is said to be young Greek boys recently returned from Communist camps in the Balkans.

Yugoslavia has materially reduced its pressure against Greece, according to the reports reaching Washington, although officially it still supports the guerillas.

Marshal Tito's feud with Moscow has cracked the former Communist solid front and diplomatic officials said that this, coupled with Greek Army military successes, has helped to produce the following developments:

1. More than 100,000 refugees from former guerilla-harassed areas have been released from relief camps and returned to their former homes to till the crops. Some have been supplied with arms and organized into local home guard units for defence. Refugees have been a heavy burden and have reached a total of about 700,000 this year.

Indoctrination

2. The Greek government has felt reassured enough to free hundreds of political exiles after indoctrinating them in a model camp on the island of Makronisos. The exiles, suspected Communists and sympathisers, numbered about 15,000 at the peak.

3. The guerillas' morale has been hard hit by defeat in the Tito quarrel, the ousting

of the rebel General Markos Vafalides, and the Communist proposal to incorporate part of Greece into a Macedonian state.

Responsible officials gave this picture of the current military situation.

Active fighting has recently been confined largely to the Grammos Mountain area along the Albanian border.

The Greeks have kept substantial forces along the Yugoslav border as a precaution although this front has become largely static.

The Yugoslavs are keeping a tight check on guerillas operating along their frontier, allowing them to cross the border only at specified points. The guerilla radio which formerly operated within Yugoslavia was moved last March to Bucharest.

Greece currently has 225,000 men under arms.—Associated Press.

BELIEVE JAPAN
WON WAR

Tokyo, June 18.

Yoshioka Morita, one of six Japanese residents of Brazil visiting his mother country, said today that nearly half of the 300,000 first, second and third generation Japanese living in Brazil believe Japan won the Pacific war.

He blamed the ultra-nationalist Japanese group, Shindo Renmei, for the misconception.—United Press.

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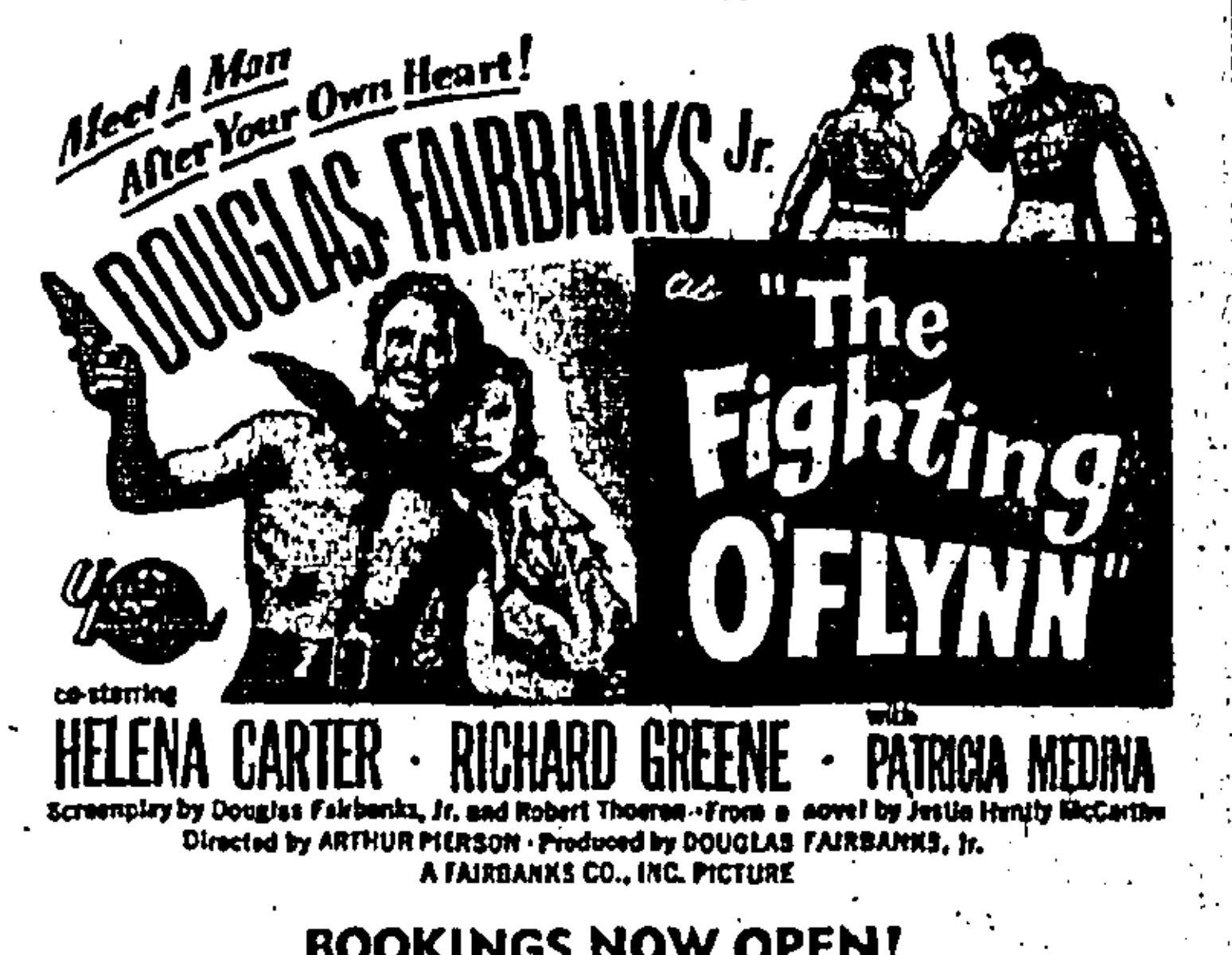
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PART III: DEFENDER OF THE FAITH

THE MINDSZENTY STORY

Police Forbid Procession
BY THE VERY REV.
DR. NICHOLAS BOER

changed his decision about the procession. It can take place in and around the Castle of Buda, as the 1940 route is also involved in the non-religious celebrations of St. Stephen's Day.

No Bargaining

After all this we did not consider it dignified to bargain about the worthy celebration of our great Holy King festival. To prove the various stages of this bargain we have enumerated the above eight points. On the other hand, we have not had the necessary time for preparations. Therefore the National Procession of the Holy Right has been cancelled.

Flagrant Case

"But let us pass to the most flagrant case—the events at Celldomok."

The Church of St. Mary in Kiscell, which is in the care of the Order of St. Bernard, celebrates this year the bicentenary of its foundation. It is natural that this event should be celebrated in an appropriate manner.

The organisers had submitted the detailed programme of the religious festival to the Hungarian Home Office, which had acknowledged it on September 3 and given permission with the only proviso that any disorders would be the responsibility of the Church authority organising the pilgrimage.

"After receiving this permission, the organisers took all the necessary steps to make this great festival of the Holy Virgin as impressive as possible. But as the day of the celebrations approached, more and more difficulties appeared. On the morning of September 9 the organisers were informed that the Lord Lieutenant of the county had issued a special decree.

According to this, a contagious epidemic of meningitis and infantile paralysis had been observed in several districts. Consequently, transit from one district to another was forbidden. Neither county fairs nor pilgrimages could be attended. In those places where medical examinations were still uncompleted these would be continued on September 11 and 12, and the population was ordered to stay at home.

"This decree caused considerable consternation because the people in the neighbouring villages knew nothing of such an epidemic. On September 10 the organisers of Celldomok received a letter from the local police authorities. This communication explained that all gatherings and meetings had been banned and therefore the pilgrimage could not take place.

"This ban did not apply to any services inside the church. The same day, in one of the villages, the village-crier went round with the following announcement: 'The hospital at Kormend is filled with overflowing with victims of the epidemic. The hospital of Sarvar must therefore be evacuated for further cases. Consequently, all gatherings and fairs are forbidden in this district.' On the morning of September 11 the villagers were told: 'All meetings, gatherings, fairs, pilgrimages have been forbidden by the Lord one more decree. The same evening read out by the village criers. It said that on September 12 the medical examinations would be continued in the whole district and everyone must stay at home under penalty of instant internment.

"The organisers thereupon declared that because time was so short they were unable to notify the people. Many of them lived at great distances; the pilgrimage had been officially permitted; its cancellation could not be announced in time. Some had set out from a distance of thirty or sixty miles.

Increased Confusion

"Later official decrees and measures only increased the confusion; instead of announcing in the villages that the celebrations at Celldomok had been forbidden, they did not mention the fact at all, but only referred to the medical, etc., quarantine. Of course, those who had already started had no way of learning about this.

"In order to combat the epidemic, the authorities used policemen with Tommy-guns and bayonets who barred the roads into Celldomok and drove back all who wanted to enter the town. The tired pilgrims had to spend the night in the fields and meadows before they could return to their homes.

"Police action started in Celldomok on Saturday, September 11, and reached its peak on the 12th. Those who set out singly for the church, with prayer-books and rosaries in their hands, were stopped and examined. Non-residents of Celldomok were not permitted to approach the church. Not only laymen but also priests were stopped and sent back.

"The church was filled early in the morning and latecomers found no room. A few hundred yards away a strong police cordon surrounded it. All religious cele-

brations took place in the church itself—but during the service the police drove a fire-engine round and round the church pumping some yellow liquid from it. This was repeated several times. Near the end of the celebrations the Cardinal-Primate of Hungary appeared at the door of the church, surrounded by the clergy and the bishops. The bells rang out. At the same moment three policemen, packed with helmeted police-men, tore down the road where the crowds, pouring from the church, stood and cheered the Cardinal on his way to the monastery. The procession of priests was cut into two. It was only through the grace of the Virgin, our Holy Mother, that no serious accident occurred.

"We must mention moreover that in the town and district of Szombathely, so-called 'Hungary' to these the population of the most outlying villages were transported by rail without any difficulty. On September 12 a special train started from Celldomok to Budapest for the inauguration of Budapest. We cannot refrain from pointing out that on September 11 and 12 no objection was raised to balls held in Celldomok and that immediately after the ceremony in the church the great police cordon was removed.

Question Raised

"After describing all this with the greatest restraint and objectivity, we must raise the question: Has there been a violation of liberties in Hungary in spite of the assurances given by the peace treaties and the various pacts guaranteeing basic human rights that these would be respected?"

"Let the Hungarian Catholics, who represent seventy per cent. of the country's population, answer this question in a calm and unbiased judgment; let the answer be given by the healthy and dispassionate public opinion of the nation."

(To be continued on tomorrow)



According to a contemporary yesterday, "eighty years ago the average Scot was 101 lbs heavier than his English contemporary. Scots who weigh..."

The news agency most helpful in providing items for this column reported yesterday that a Filipino strangled his wife "and then strangled himself by slashing his throat with a butcher knife."

He was at least nearer the mark than if he'd tried to shoot himself with it.

We hear there is now a Communist cell in Sydney. A man called McPhillips is in it.

MacToggie was stretched out on the sands in Repulse Bay in contented mood. "Come on, Mac," said a friend on his way to his small yacht, "what about a sail?" "Na, na," said MacToggie. "I have had a good fill at the cost of \$5, and I'm takin' no risks."

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How shall we who East of Suez
Long have given all the slip
Know that this is no more
"Exile."

That there'll be no homebound ship?
Brothers, there are certain
symptoms
Which a wise man may not miss
Mark the eaters of the Lotus.
Little common things like this:

When the latest frock from
Paris
Falls to catch your roving eye,
But a silk dress never misses
On some beauty from Shanghai
When praps sitting in the
rickshaws.

You perceive in some far land
With surprise, a European
Seize a suitcase in his hand...
When no more the paid off
Follows making plaintive noise,
When you quite escape attention
From the local shoeshine boys...
When time gets to mean so
little

You no longer wear a watch,
When you get to look on water
As the stuff they use with
Scotch.

When for years you've never
tasted
Produce of the common cow,
When you're bored to tears
with Brevin
Lut can talk for hours of Mao...
When to buy all things black-
market
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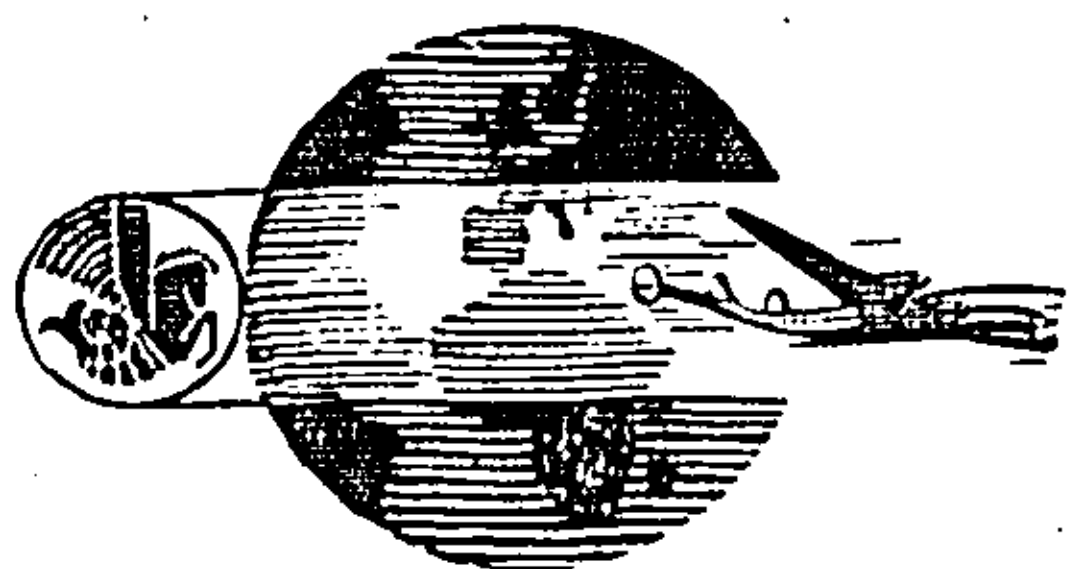
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A NEW
PROPOSAL

At tomorrow's Legislative Council meeting, Sir Man-kam Lo will introduce an amendment to the Landale plan for government reform in Hong Kong. This, unlike the original proposal, will apparently be tabled as a motion: in other respects it seems to break very little new ground indeed, and in fact it is difficult to see just what is the motivation behind it.

Both schemes recommend the sidetracking of a remodelled Municipal Council as proposed by Sir Mark Young in favour of a reconstituted Legislative Council. Both have a majority of Unofficials, partly elected by qualified residents of British nationality and partly nominated by the Governor, who retains his right of veto against any motion which he considers militates against the community's welfare or our status as a British colony.

The only material difference is that the new motion envisages 17 members, including six Officials, while the Landale plan had a council of 20, with nine Officials. Sir Man-kam does not, however, commit himself on the subject of how many of the Unofficials should be nominated, and within his framework the percentage of those actually voted for by the ordinary citizen could be negligible, and of no effect on the general conduct of the Colony's affairs.

One has the inescapable impression that the Unofficials at present in power do not expect to see their sterling worth go unrecognised, and are determined that come what may, they will retain their seats. And even if they themselves were unable, through illness or the pressure of private business, to devote their time to the legislature, their nominees would be well to the fore, presenting a smiling willingness to work without a mite of self-interest for the good of our 2,000,000 inhabitants.

We have said all along that certain safeguards must obviously be imposed when dealing with government reform here: that a stable, largely honest administration under British rule must be preserved, and so forth. But such a token gesture to the burgeoning aspirations towards democracy is not going to satisfy Hong Kong. To those who may accuse us of encouraging anti-British sentiment, we can say with assurance that the opposite is the case. This newspaper wants the best that can be obtained for the Colony, and in times like these, with an imponderable future, this can only be guaranteed by giving the people an embracing community feeling.

The "China Mail" has undertaken its own investigations into current public opinions (the plurality is used advisedly). After careful analysis one factor seemed constant throughout the majority of individuals and organisations—that the Legislative Council should be remodelled to permit of a slight majority of elected members, all of British nationality, but that voters should be taxpayers, whether they be British, Chi-

3. As only nine days remained till August 20, the representative of the Actio Catholica on that day visited the Home Office, where the Minister's Secretariat referred him to the official who was dealing with the application.

4. He immediately called on the official in question, who informed him that he had passed the application under reference number 471,341/1940 B.M. IV/2, to the Chief of Police, who had informed the Actio Catholica of this step in writing.

5. The next day, that is, on August 12, the Actio Catholica made three inquiries of Police Headquarters by telephone. In the afternoon the same reply was returned to the third inquiry as to the first two: "The file in question has not yet arrived."

6. On August 13 the Actio Catholica received the reply that the file had arrived and that the Chief of Police's decision would be communicated at 12 noon, after a report had been made to him. In the meantime the Actio Catholica received the written notification from the Hungarian Home Office that "your request for a permit of the August 20 procession has been passed to the Chief of Police, Budapest."

7. At their request, the representatives of the Actio Catholica visited Police Headquarters soon after noon, where the decision of the Chief of Police was communicated to them. In view of the Festival of Bread on August 20, which is being held part in the Square of Heroes and along the Andrássy ut, the procession of St. Stephen's Day on these routes cannot be permitted, but the route followed in 1940 (St. Stephen's Square, Bajcsy Zsilinszky ut, Bathory Street and Zrinnyi Street) is acceptable.

After this official communication and its acknowledgment, the representatives of the Actio Catholica left Police Headquarters and, having informed the Church authorities of the police decision, made the necessary arrangements for the procession in this sense, though only seven days were left.

8. On August 14, 1940, which fell on a Saturday, a telephone message from Police Headquarters requested the Actio Catholica to send its representatives once more to the Chief of Police as the decision on the procession had been modified. When they called at Police Headquarters they were told: "The Chief of Police has

ese, Portuguese, Indian, Eurasian or anything else.

We ourselves fail to see the snag in this. It is no justification to talk about the thin end of the wedge. If our special circumstances are constantly quoted for other reasons, they can equally well be applied here: that there is probably no precedent for Hong Kong, where the bulk of our permanent population are aliens, who theoretically at least pay taxes if liable, and who also should be expected to take an interest in the Colony. They have not had much motivation in the past.

One further point has to be noted. Sir Man-kam puts forward without qualification that the Municipal Council scheme should be completely abandoned. The Governor's recent promise that the ordinance relating to this would not be railroaded through the legislature tacitly guaranteed that neither would it be thrown aside. We ourselves have never supported this as a primary proposal, but we know it has the backing of many people, mostly Chinese, and it always had its merits as a training ground for democracy."

On the whole we feel that tomorrow's recommendations will be by no means the last word on the thorny subject of government reform in Hong Kong.

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Right Of Berlin Access Guaranteed For The West AUSTRIAN PEACE TREATY

Paris, June 19.

The Big Four Foreign Ministers tonight reached agreement on a modus vivendi on Germany and were near agreement on the preparation of an Austrian peace treaty, a Western delegation official stated after the Foreign Ministers had talked together for three hours in a secret session—their ninth.

The German agreement was reached without any sacrifice of the major points of principle insisted upon by the Western Powers, a British spokesman stated.

Right of access to Berlin for the Western Powers is specifically guaranteed in the agreement, it was understood.

Points still at issue in the Austrian negotiations were believed to be:

- (1) Soviet claims to all the Danube docks.
- (2) The right of the Soviet Government to take out of Austria profits from Soviet-owned oil and Danube shipping concerns in Austria. The question here is whether these profits should be subject to Austrian law.
- (3) The timing and the hand-over of German assets returnable by Russia to Austria on receipt of a \$150,000,000 settlement. This settlement is to be paid over a period of six years, but the Western Powers claim that the transfer of assets should be made to Austria at the start of the agreement.

On the German settlement the Ministers were understood to have agreed on the following points:

- (1) Establishment of liaison machinery to govern future relations between the four Powers in Germany, taking the forms of:

September Talks

- (a) Four-Power representatives at the United Nations General Assembly to convene next September to discuss the next meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
- (b) The four Occupation authorities in Germany to consult one another to reduce to a minimum the difficulties and friction resulting from the existence of two separate systems.
- (c) Russia agreed not to re-impose the blockade.
- (d) Restoration of trade between the Soviet and Western zones under a plan providing for a balanced exchange of goods between the two areas.

German experts from both zones are to be co-opted to work out the plan for inter-zonal trade. Agreement was understood to have been reached on the status of the Germans.

Earlier, it was reported that the Foreign Ministers had decided to hold one more secret session before an open meeting tomorrow.

An authoritative United States source said that the reason for the large number of secret meetings was that the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, could literally do nothing without referring to Moscow.

Private Meeting

No communiqué was issued on tonight's talks, which began an hour late to give time for the

three Western Ministers to have co-ordinating talks.

There will be a private meeting of the Austrian treaty deputies in the morning. A committee appointed to draft an official communiqué on the results of the conference will also meet, according to United States sources.

Before today's session, it was learned, Mr. Vyshinsky had sent a reply to an aide-memoire from the Western Powers seeking elucidation of some specific points arising on both the main subjects under discussion—the Austrian treaty and the working arrangement for Germany.

The Western Powers had sent this aide-memoire after last Thursday's secret session to clarify certain points in the proposals exchanged between the two sides, according to usually reliable sources.—Reuter.

Jews On Trial In Budapest

Budapest, June 18.

Excited Jews converged on Budapest's Central Court today for seats for the trial of nine prominent Jews and one Christian on charges of aiding the illegal emigration of Jews from Hungary to Palestine.

The 10 defendants were in the same court in which Cardinal Mindszenty was tried last February, and Gyula Alapai, who prosecuted Mindszenty, was prosecuting.

Nineteen-year-old Nagda Weiss, leader of the "Mapai" Socialist Youth Organisation, pleaded guilty and with other defendants agreed that the Zionist youth of Hungary had made plans to leave the country in organized groups. They had decided to leave illegally, she said, when they discovered that they were waiting in vain for legal emigration.

Dr. Bela Dencs, a journalist and Chairman of "Mapai", and Dr. Sandor Kertesz, a lawyer and Chairman of the Zionist "Abud Avoda", both pleaded guilty. Dencs said that up to December 1948 Jews could leave Hungary legally but since then emigration had not been possible in spite of negotiations between the Hungarian Government and Israel.—Associated Press.

Arrests For "Espionage"

Budapest, June 18.

The Hungarian Ministry of the Interior, announced tonight that Laszlo Rajk and Dr. Tibor Szencsy have been arrested on charges of espionage for a foreign Power. The communiqué also said that 18 accomplices have been arrested.

There is not a single industrial worker or peasant among them, it added.

When M. Rajk's name was omitted from the new Hungarian Government elected on June 9, serious differences of opinion in the Politburo were given by informed diplomatic quarters as the reason for the omission.—Reuter.

P.I. TOWNS ROCKED BY EXPLOSION

Manila, June 20.

Six towns in Batangas province, 80 miles South of Manila, were rocked yesterday by the explosion of 100 tons of bombs stored since the war. One person was injured by flying bomb fragments.

Windows were shattered and walls cracked within a half mile radius of the disaster, near Batangas City.

The cause of the blast was not immediately determined. It is believed that looters were attempting to remove dynamite for illegal fishing.

Philippine Army bomb disposal teams took charge to prevent further explosions.—Associated Press.

Six Killed In U.S. Floods

Petersburg, West Virginia, June 19.

Six people have been killed and 20 are still missing in floods in Virginia and West Virginia.

A heat wave in the Eastern States has caused 37 deaths.

No rain has fallen in New York or New England for almost a month and farmers say that the crop damage will total over \$40,000,000 unless rain comes within five days.

Heavy rain in the Shenandoah and Potomac Valleys of Virginia and West Virginia washed away phone and power lines, bridges and roads, causing damage estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Many families barely had time to escape the on-rushing waters.—Reuter.

FLOODS IN NEW S. WALES

Sydney, June 20.

Airmen were today standing by, ready for mercy flights to aid 25,000 people left homeless by floods which covered thousands of square miles of the Central coastal area of New South Wales during the week-end.

Railway services were suspended and highways blocked and the food position in some areas was acute.

A Government spokesman said Royal Australian Air Force Dakotas were ready to fly supplies to isolated areas. Officials estimated that damage totalling Aust. \$4,000,000 had been caused by the floods, in which seven people were reported to have been drowned.

Troops, police and civilians using lorries, boats and Army amphibious craft, worked without a break throughout the weekend to evacuate thousands from Maitland, Singleton and other towns flooded when the Hunter River burst its banks on Saturday morning.

One of those drowned was a 16-year-old girl, who was reported to have been trying to find a way across a flooded creek for some small children when the swirling waters swept her away.

The others—five men and a 15-year-old boy—were reported to have perished when crapped in the flooded rivers and creeks.

The police said that they feared some people, flood-bound in the Maitland district, near Newcastle, would die of cold or hunger or by drowning if more rain fell.—Reuter.

Chinese Reds Must Trade With West, U.S. Survey States

Washington, June 19.

The Chinese Communists will have to trade with the West if they want to put China on her economic feet, according to the United States Department of Commerce.

An article in the Department's "Foreign Commerce Weekly" today said it is impossible to predict whether normal trade relations between China and the Western nations will be restored when the Communists take complete control of the government and added that commodities essential to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of China can be obtained only from Western nations.

The article, written by Michael Lee, Chief of the Foreign Trade Branch, said permanent improvement of economic conditions throughout the Far East depends, first, on the attainment of political stability.

This, he said, is up to the countries themselves.

Secondly, recovery of pre-war levels of agricultural and mineral production.

Thirdly, further investment of private capital.

He said investment of capital could be stimulated if the investor agrees not to exploit the country where he intends to put his money. In turn, Lee said, the nation involved should protect the investor against expropriation of his property without compensation and should assure the investor the right to take his profits home and should not levy discriminatory taxes.

Lee said if such understanding is reached it would lead to more trade and industrial development of the Far East and would raise Oriental living standards. He said this would be in line with President Truman's programme of stimulating the economic growth of backward areas.

Great Opportunities

Lee said that while the immediate trade picture in the Orient is not bright, the area does offer great opportunities for long-range economic and commercial development. He made a detailed country by country analysis of the Far East trade picture.

The Department of Commerce last week summarised the overall Far East situation in another report. The report said, with Japan almost the only technologically progressive country (India was not included in the report) future industrialisation cannot be accomplished in a short time.

Excerpts from the country by country survey read:

Burma—Civil war paralysed trade and imperilled economic and financial stability. United States Embassy estimates showed the unfavourable balance of imports over exports totalling 130,500,000 Rupees in 1945/46 and 72,600,000 in 1946/47 with no improvement shown in 1947/48.

China—If it had not been for the outbreak of Civil War, China was destined after the war to take the political and commercial leadership of the Far East—one finds instead complete disintegration of economic life.

French Indo-China—Outlook for future trade depends upon swift solution of the country's political problems. Guerrilla warfare has retarded economic recovery. The United States has become a second minor source of

commercial and industrial dependence to the French Union.

Hong Kong's Trade

Hong Kong—There was a phenomenal trade boom during the past three years but continuation depends on the maintenance of the high level of world demand and Hong Kong's ability to attract a large proportion of Western Pacific trade.

Indonesia—There was remarkable progress during the past year in the rehabilitation outside fighting areas. However, the islands have a long way to go and need an uninterrupted period of internal political stability and general tranquillity in Asia "to reach pre-war trade levels."

Japan—Industrial production is improving but is still far below pre-war. The outlook for future expansion is dependent upon the establishment of political equilibrium in Asia.

Korea—Although considerable improvement in economic recovery and foreign trade is anticipated as a result of the aid agreement between the United States and the Republic signed on December 10, 1948, as long as the division at the 38th parallel continues the pre-war volumes of foreign trade can hardly be attained.

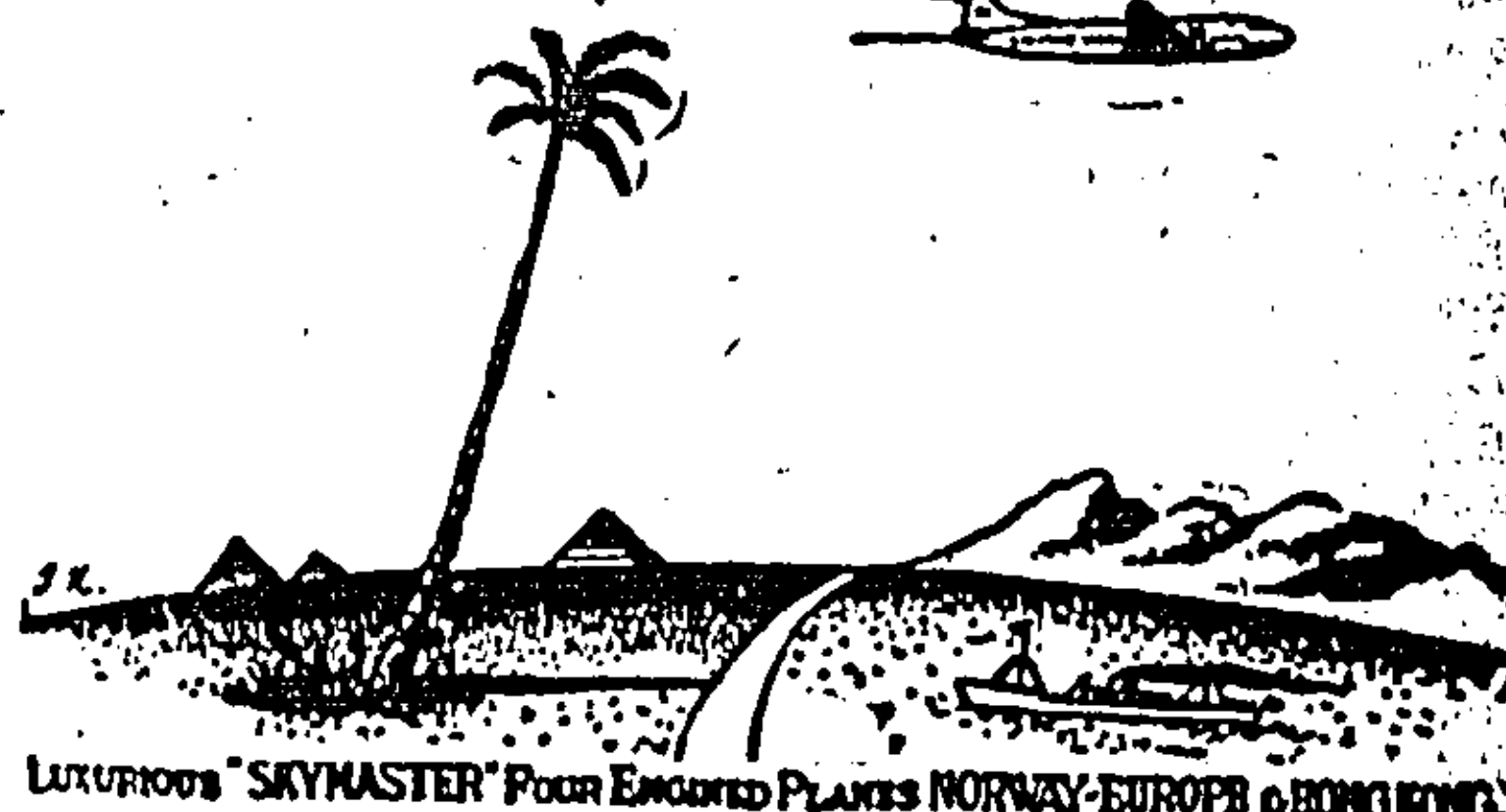
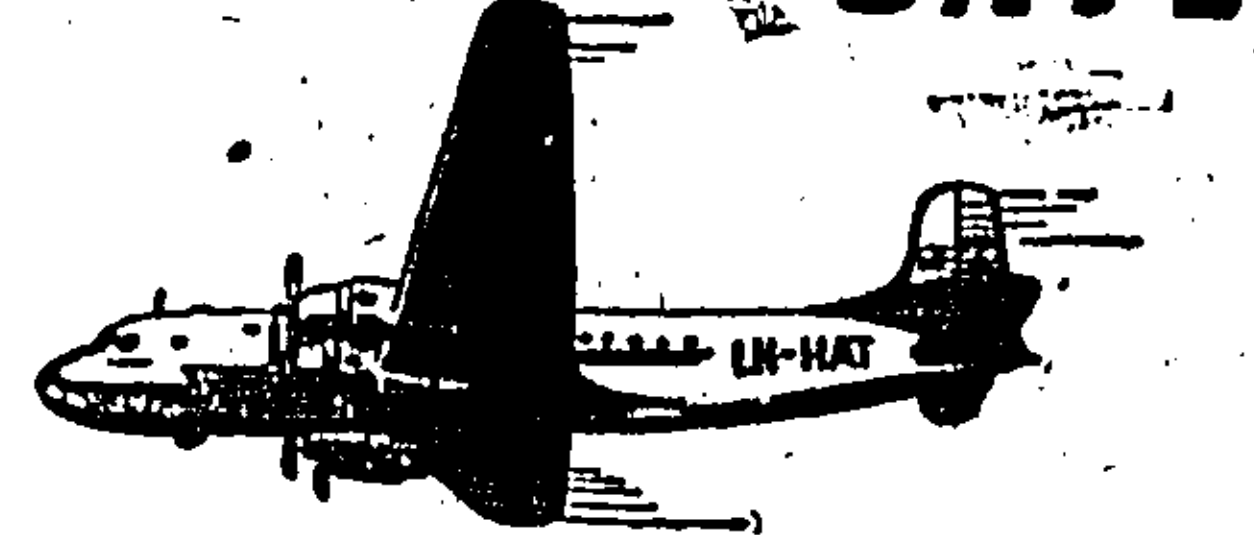
Malaya—Despite internal disturbances in 1948, Malaya is firmly on the road toward industrial rehabilitation. Continuing evidence of increasing production of tin, rubber, palm oil and other agricultural commodities indicates not only that foreign trade of Malaya will expand considerably in 1949 but that the country will be able to balance its foreign trade.

Philippines—During the past two years total merchandise trade increased more than three times over the 1937 level totalling US\$287,000,000 in 1948 compared to US\$202,000,000 in 1937.

However, economic recovery has been slower and production of pre-war exports, except copra and lumber, is still lagging.

The report said in view of the continued availability of foreign exchange during 1949 it is expected that Philippine foreign trade will not fall substantially below the levels of the two preceding years. Export of coconut products will probably decrease volume of foreign trade because of declining prices and curtailed demand in hard currency markets.—United Press

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Agreement With Bao Dai Reached

Paris, June 19.

The French Government announced today a general agreement with Bao Dai, former Emperor of Annam, on the establishment of an independent Indo-Chinese state within the framework of the French Union. The agreement was reached between Bao Dai and Vincent Auriol, President of the French Republic.

It covers six principal points: Recognition of a united Vietnam, state, agreement on Vietnam's diplomatic representatives, definition of Vietnam's sovereignty, establishment of a programme of cultural collaboration, definition of Vietnam's judicial jurisdiction and agreement on economic relations.

Vietnam will have its own army but will permit the basing of French troops in the country, within the limits of future agreement.

The authority and responsibility of the French High Commissioner in Saigon will be transferred to national authorities after discussions between the two on the time and method of transfer.

Mixed Courts

Vietnam will have full and complete jurisdiction over its own nationals and cases involving French nationals will be submitted to mixed courts whose powers will be fixed in a later agreement.

Vietnam will send its own diplomatic representatives to Siam and either India or China, but will be represented by French diplomatic missions in other countries. France will have the right to open both public and private schools in Vietnam, while the new state will join with France in establishing a common university.

French businessmen will have the same privileges in Vietnam that Indo-Chinese businessmen have in France, and the Vietnam currency will be tied to the French franc.—United Press.

Rome, June 19.

The Italian Government warned today that the newly discovered oil fields in the Po Valley, in Northern Italy, would not provide the country with all the oil it needs, as exaggerated reports had suggested earlier this week.—Reuter.



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Queen Frederika of Greece (centre) and her three children (left to right) Prince Constantine, Princess Sophia and Princess Irene, enjoy a humorous spot in a child's play given at the American YMCA, Athens, for refugee children.—(AP Photo).

Majority Of Chandernagore Favours Union With India

Paris, June 19.

A heavy majority in favour of union with India was indicated in the first results of today's referendum in the French India possession of Chandernagore, Agence France Presse reported here tonight.

The French possession decided in favour of breaking with the French Union and joining India by 7,473 votes to 114, according to provisional figures made known in Chandernagore tonight.

Certain irregularities occurred in the voting, Agence France Presse quoted the official neutral observers as saying tonight in Chandernagore. The observers were appointed by the Vice-President of the International Court of Justice at the request of the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman.

According to the agency, the voting said that in general the conditions were normal, but that a report would doubtless be submitted to the irregularities. The 260-year old French city should remain with the French Union or merge with India, closed peacefully this evening.

The three-square mile patch of French territory of the banks of the Hooghly has an adult franchise, 12,000 of its 50,000 inhabitants having the right to vote.

Brisk Polling

Polling was brisk. From early morning voters streamed into the 15 polling booths, arriving in motor cars, on cycles, in rickshaws and on foot.

A preliminary count of votes was made tonight, but final results are not expected until tomorrow. Two observers, Mr. Holgar Anderson, of Denmark, and Baron R. Rodolphe de Castel, of El Salvador, were nominated by the Vice-President of the International Court of Justice to watch the voting.

Earlier this week, M. Jean George Chambon, the Interim Commissioner of French India, had paid a visit to Chandernagore to see that everything had been done to ensure a fair and free plebiscite.

The Municipal Assembly recently rejected a suggestion by the French National Assembly that Chandernagore should hold its referendum on December 11, the same date as the largest French settlements in India—Pondicherry, Mahe, Karikal and Yanam.

The French Administrator of Chandernagore, M. Tailleux, said tonight that he would be very happy if Chandernagore merged with India as a result of the referendum. He was satisfied with the polling, which, he said, had finished wonderfully well.

French and Indian police under French officers patrolled the

Jews Search For Arab Refugees

Haifa, June 19.

The Israeli Army has carried out extensive searches along roads in Western Galilee, leading to Nazareth from the Lebanon and Jenin, to stop Arabs from crossing the border and infiltrating into Nazareth. It was learned from usually reliable sources here today.

Last night Israeli Army units blockaded and searched the Eastern quarter of Nazareth, the largest Arab centre in Israel, and also cordoned on several Arab villages.

The Arabs crossing the border are said to be refugees trying to return illegally, deserters from the Arab armies, or bandits who steal cattle from the Jewish settlements.

Some of these Arabs are sent back, some interned in camps and the remainder—usually people whose families live in Israel—are permitted to remain, the same sources said.—Reuter.

NEW HORROR IN NAVAL WARFARE

New London, Connecticut, June 18.

The Navy Under-Secretary, Daniel Kimball, said today that a new type of submarine is being developed to launch guided missiles.

He told a graduating class at the submarine base here that this high speed, deep running underwater warship will have far greater destructive power than World War II submarines.

Improved communications systems will bring naval, air and undersea operations much closer together. Mr. Kimball predicted that the next 20 years will bring great advances in undersea warfare.—United Press.

S.A. CITIZENSHIP BILL REACHES CRUCIAL STAGE

Johannesburg, June 19.

Two South African Senators, representing Natal, are in a position to prevent the passage of the Nationalist Government's Citizenship Bill when it reaches the Senate. They are at present being flooded with telegrams and letters from the Bill's opponents.

Abolishing the status of British citizens, it is expected to reach its final stages—the third reading of the Committee report—in the House of Assembly within the next few days.

The two strategically placed Senators are the Reverend Miles Cadman, former Labour Party member and leader of the obsolete Central Party, who was nominated to the Senate by the Nationalist Party, and Senator A. M. Pettersen, a leading political figure in Natal, with a Labour Party background, who reached the Senate with Nationalist aid.

Since Senator J. M. Brink of the United Party resigned on the question of his party's colour policy and was replaced by a Nationalist Senator, the Government has had a slender majority in the Upper House.

A full Opposition vote, with the aid of the Senators elected to represent Africans, might defeat the Citizenship Bill if Mr. Pettersen and the Reverend Cadman vote against it.

Keeps Mum

Mr. Pettersen, a Scandinavian by birth who came to South Africa 40 years ago, told reporters in Durban yesterday that he was not prepared to state his attitude towards the Bill.

"When I have seen all the clauses in the Bill in its final form, I may have something to say. At present I am not prepared to commit myself," Mr. Pettersen said.

Further stormy debates are expected when the Committee stage of the Bill opens tomorrow.

The Government has decided to curtail the debate, but the Opposition appears determined to fight tooth and nail against the Bill in its present form.

They have tabled 29 amendments. Despite General Jan Smuts' absence in England, the United Party will be led by the deputy Opposition leader, Mr. Strauss and will present a united front on the Bill.

The Government appears adamant on the contentious clauses, despite the avalanche of telegrams and letters reaching the Prime Minister, Dr. Daniel Malan.—Reuter.

Importance Of Air Exercises

Cambridge, June 19.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Philip Joubert, former Commander-in-Chief of the Coastal Command, told air training cadets here today that the air exercises to be held over South East England late this month would be of very great significance to Britain and Western Europe.

The United States Air Force and a squadron of Dutch Meteors would be taking part and there would be observers from the Western Union.

"There are many technical and political troubles to be got over before it will be possible to have an international air defence of Western Europe, but it is easy to see the beginnings of an air defence on a scale and with a scope never seen before," Sir Philip declared.

The air exercises will begin on June 25. Combined exercises by the fleets of the Western Union in the Bay of Biscay and in the English Channel are due to start on June 30.—Reuter.

CRUCIAL WEEK FOR INDONESIA

Washington, June 19.

United States officials believe that this coming week will be crucial for Indonesia. If the Dutch and Indonesian leaders can agree on the timing of the cease-fire order the Indonesian government can be restored at Jogjakarta.

Some reports indicated that the Republicans want to return to the capital before cease-fire is ordered while the Dutch wish the cease-fire to precede or at least coincide with the restoration of the capital.

Whatever compromise is reached, it is important that the Republican Army and its guerrilla bands obey it.

Observers here believe that the majority of the Army will obey, but that some extremist groups may not. Informed responsible sources familiar with the Indonesian situation said there is a well organized hard core of Communists urging the populace not to obey the cease-fire.

The Republicans have previously demonstrated an anti-Communist attitude, but not until a cease-fire order is issued will the authority of the leaders in the light of events since December be retested.

Hague Conference

If the cease-fire is obeyed, however, the stage will be reached for a conference at the Hague where Indonesian Republicans and Federalists will sit down with the Dutch to discuss the implementation of the United States of Indonesia. Officials here are optimistic over chances for a Hague conference.

If the Union is materialized, it is believed that the State Department will advise the Economic Co-operation Administration and the Export-Import Bank that investment conditions in Indonesia have improved sufficiently so that the Department believes that assistance or loans could be considered by those agencies.

United States officials believe, however, that ECA, Export-Import Bank and International Bank assistance would not be enough for the job. They say that private investment would be essential to exploit the real potentialities of raw material in rich Indonesia.—United Press.

U.S. EXPERTS TO SURVEY AFRICA

London, June 18.

The Colonial Office today announced that three American agricultural experts will conduct a three-month survey of farming conditions in East, Central and West Africa at the request of the British Government.

They will leave the United States for Africa next month to make the survey which is part of the ECA technical assistance programme and is being undertaken at the request of the British Government.—United Press.

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The Taylor and Good quads are currently spending their first holiday at a North Wales holiday camp—possibly the first time two sets of quads and their parents have been away on holiday at the same place. At left, Robert Taylor and his wife, Bessie, hold their quads, Annette, Robert, Paul and Kevin. At right Charles Good and his wife, Margaret, hold their quads—four girls—Bridget, Frances, Jennifer and Elizabeth. The Taylor quads, who live in London Suburb of Edmonton, were born on October 21, 1940, while the Good quads, who live in Gloucestershire, celebrate their first birthday on June 14.—(AP Photo).

THE CHURCH'S FIGHT IN RED CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Prague, June 19.

A group of screaming and whistling men and women drove a fighting churchman from his throne in ancient St. Vitus Cathedral today and back into his police-controlled palace to await an uncertain fate.

Apparently Communist, the group threw the crowded cathedral into confusion shortly after Archbishop Josef Beran began to denounce State efforts to choke off the Roman Catholic Church in Czechoslovakia.

He was forced to halt his newest attempt to defy the government-sponsored measures and he pleaded with his congregation to "remain calm—there are children here."

Hundreds of small boys and girls dressed in flower-decked Sunday best for the Corpus Christi holiday were in the lofty vaulted auditorium, whose spires dominate Prague from the Castle Hill.

He announced that he would speak no longer and that Mass was halted. Weeping men and women burst into a hymn, then followed the Archbishop from the Cathedral to his palace.

There the doors closed on him while another apparently Communist group followed in directed union with "At Zije President Gottwald" over the cheers and hymn-singing of the faithful.

Police then cleared the square and the Corpus Christi traditional procession did not take place.

When the huge iron doors closed behind the Archbishop's Red biretta and cassock, he vanished into a future which promised now to have only one outcome after the sharpest anti-church incident in the developing fighting.

He managed to leave the palace on Saturday night to preach at the Strahov monastery, where he told the congregation that "I may not be able to speak to you many more times" and cautioned them that no matter what was announced to them on the Prague radio, "Never believe that I have signed any agreement which violates the law of the church and human rights."

During the night a pastoral letter was smuggled out, which was read in scores of churches throughout the country at morning Masses.

In it the Archbishop said that the church leaders always promised loyalty to the government.

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Rail Traffic Normal Again

London, June 19. Normal Sunday railway traffic was reported today after five successive unofficial Sunday strikes had created chaos on the East Coast route between London and Edinburgh.

The State Railway Executive announced that with this return to normal, negotiations on the railwaymen's claim for increased wages would be resumed tomorrow.

Delegates representing 80,000 Lancashire railwaymen today declared for "go slow" tactics if their demands were not granted by June 28.—Reuter.

Schumacher Attacks Joe Stalin

Gelsenkirchen, June 19. Doctor Kurt Schumacher, chairman of West Germany's Social Democratic Party, publicly called Marshal Stalin a war criminal today.

Addressing about 75,000 people at a party rally, Dr. Schumacher bitterly criticised the Soviet Union and its policies in Germany.

"Stalin is the biggest war criminal next to Hitler," he shouted. "Communism is nothing but Fascism painted red."

Dr. Schumacher also jabbed at the Western Allies. "The Communists are helped by the mistakes that the Western Allies make in Germany," he said.

Attacks Church The Catholic Church too, drew his oratorical fire. He complained of the church's demands for power and said, "We do not need a fifth occupying power in Germany."

Dr. Schumacher also attacked the reparations programme of the Western powers. He said, "The amount of reparations to be taken out of the French zone is more than the entire reparations bill assessed against Germany after the first World War."

"We are willing to pay reparations," he said, "but we are not willing to commit suicide for the sake of reparations."

Attacking the Allied programme of dismantling many German factories as war plants or for reparations, Dr. Schumacher said, "It will be impossible for us to pay our reparations if our plants are dismantled."

He appealed to the American trade unions to help halt the dismantling.—Associated Press.

Two Wounded By Grenade In Sourabaya

Sourabaya, June 19. Two persons were wounded when some subversive elements threw a hand-grenade on the terrace of the YMCA at Sourabaya, in East Java, on Thursday night, reports Anela, the Dutch news agency.

The report also said that a second hand-grenade was found in front of the building the next morning.

The police have made some arrests in connection with this attack.

Official sources regarded the attack as an independent case. Another report said that two passengers were killed and three wounded when a private car struck a mine near the Tumpang village in East Java on Friday morning. The wounded included the Regent of Malang who was seriously hurt and admitted to the Malang Hospital.

Six armed terrorists kidnapped eight passengers of a taxi cab on the Dwombang-Modjokerto highway in Java, after the cab had stopped because of engine trouble, the news agency added.—Reuter.

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Lesson 37 (A)

Vocabulary:	
270. (kwok) gwok(3).	A nation. A country.
271. (foh) faw(2).	Fire.
272. (che) cheh(1).	A vehicle. A car.
273. (shuen) (1)shuen.	A ship. A boat.
274. (kai) gay(1).	An engine. A machine.
275. (foi) foy(1).	To fly.
276. (tso) tso(3).	To catch (a train, ship, etc.).
Combinations:	
1. Faw(2) cheh(1).	A train.
2. Faw(2) (1)shuen.	A steamship.
3. Gay(1) hay(3).	An engine. A machine.
4. Dah(2) (3)dzoo gay(1).	A type-writer.
5. Dah(2) faw(2) gay(1).	A cigarette lighter.
6. Faw(1) gay(1).	An aeroplane.
7. Dah(2) hay(3).	A passenger.
8. Dah(2) faw(2).	To intend.
9. (3)Baan faw(3).	Way. Method. Means.
10. Ging(1) gwaw(3).	To pass through. Via.
Place names:	
(4) Joong(1)-gwok(3).	China.
(5) Ying(1)-gwok(3).	England.
(6) Sui(1)-(1)yeo(3)soo.	Suez.
(7) Sai(1)-bank(3)-(3)lay-ah(3).	Siberia.
(8) Yun(3)-(3)doh.	India.
(9) Sing(1)-gah(3)-baw(1).	Singapore.
Transport and Communication:	
1. (2)Ngaw (1)m-(3)hai.	I'm not an Englishman.
2. (2)Ngaw (3)hai Joong(1)-gwok(3)-(1)yun.	I am a Chinese.
3. (2)Ngaw hai(2) Ying(1)-gwok(3) (3)jue-jaw(2) (3)shup-gay(2)-(1)neen gom(3)-(3)noy.	I have lived in England for more than 10 years.
4. (2)Ngaw dah(2)-suen(3) faw(1)-hui(3) Joong(1)-gwok(3).	I intend to return to China.
5. (2)Ngaw jee(1)-doh(3) (2)you eam(1) gaw(3) (3)baan-faw(3) hoh(2)-(2)yeo faw(1)-hui(3).	I know there are three methods by which I can go back.
6. (3)Dai-yut(1) Ying(1)-hoh(2)-(2)yeo dah(2) faw(3) faw(2)-cheh(1) gling(1)-gwaw(3) Sai(1)-bank(3)-(3)lay-ah(3) hui(3).	Firstly: I can go by train via Siberia.
7. (3)Dai-yut(1) Ying(1)-hoh(2)-(2)yeo dah(2) faw(3) faw(2)-cheh(1) gling(1)-gwaw(3) Sai(1)-bank(3)-(3)lay-ah(3) hui(3).	But, it takes more than 10 days in the train.
8. (3)Dai-yut(1) Ying(1)-hoh(2)-(2)yeo dah(2) faw(3) faw(2)-cheh(1) gling(1)-gwaw(3) Sai(1)-bank(3)-(3)lay-ah(3) hui(3).	Secondly: I can go by steamer via Suez, India and Singapore.
9. (3)Dai-yut(1) Ying(1)-hoh(2)-(2)yeo dah(2) faw(3) faw(2)-cheh(1) gling(1)-gwaw(3) Sai(1)-bank(3)-(3)lay-ah(3) hui(3).	But, it takes more than one month in a ship.
10. (3)Dai-yut(1) Ying(1)-hoh(2)-(2)yeo dah(2) faw(3) faw(2)-cheh(1) gling(1)-gwaw(3) Sai(1)-bank(3)-(3)lay-ah(3) hui(3).	Thirdly: I can go by air.
11. But(1)-gwaw(3) yeo(3) (3)look-tut(1)-(3)yut gom(3)-(3)noy.	It takes only six or seven days.

(To be continued)

"Messiah" On Court Charge

Los Angeles, June 18. Krishna Vanta, barefoot messiah who recently made a world tour to save mankind, was charged with failure to support his ex-wife and two children.

His long curls and beard flowing over his robe, the prophet was arrested last night as he stepped from his chauffeured limousine in front of his temple.

He was freed later on a writ returnable on June 27 in a San Bernardino, California, Justice Court.

"I am beginning to wonder if it is all worth it," said the 38-year-old Krishna whose real name is Francis Pencovic.

"A man tries to live right and do good and things like this happen," he said he does not know the whereabouts of his former wife since she divorced him in 1941. He is married again and has four more children.—United Press.

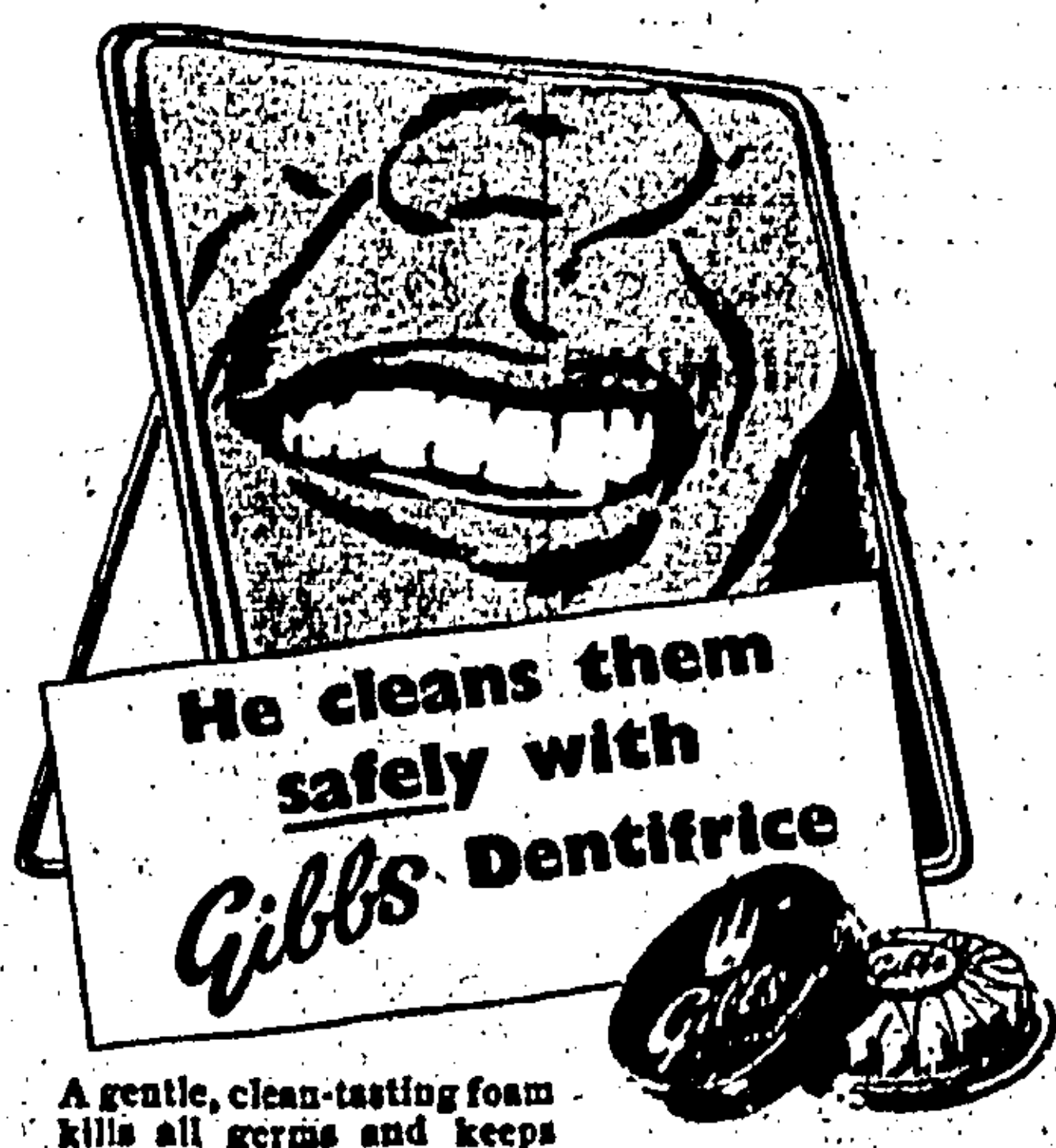
CZECHS IN LABOUR CAMP

London, June 18. Czech exile sources said today that the Czech Communist Government has thrown 3,000 of its political opponents into a Nazi-like camp at Cierna, only one mile from the Soviet border.

Among those in the camp are the former Czech Prime Minister, Rudolf Beran, the former Vice-premier, Jan Ursiny, and Air Vice-Marshal Janousek, former Inspector-General of the Czech Air Force in Britain. The prisoners also include many clergymen, non-Communist trade unionists and non-Communist political leaders.

All prisoners are employed in reloading goods from the wide-gauge Soviet railway system to cars on the narrow continental gauge used by Czechoslovakia.—United Press.

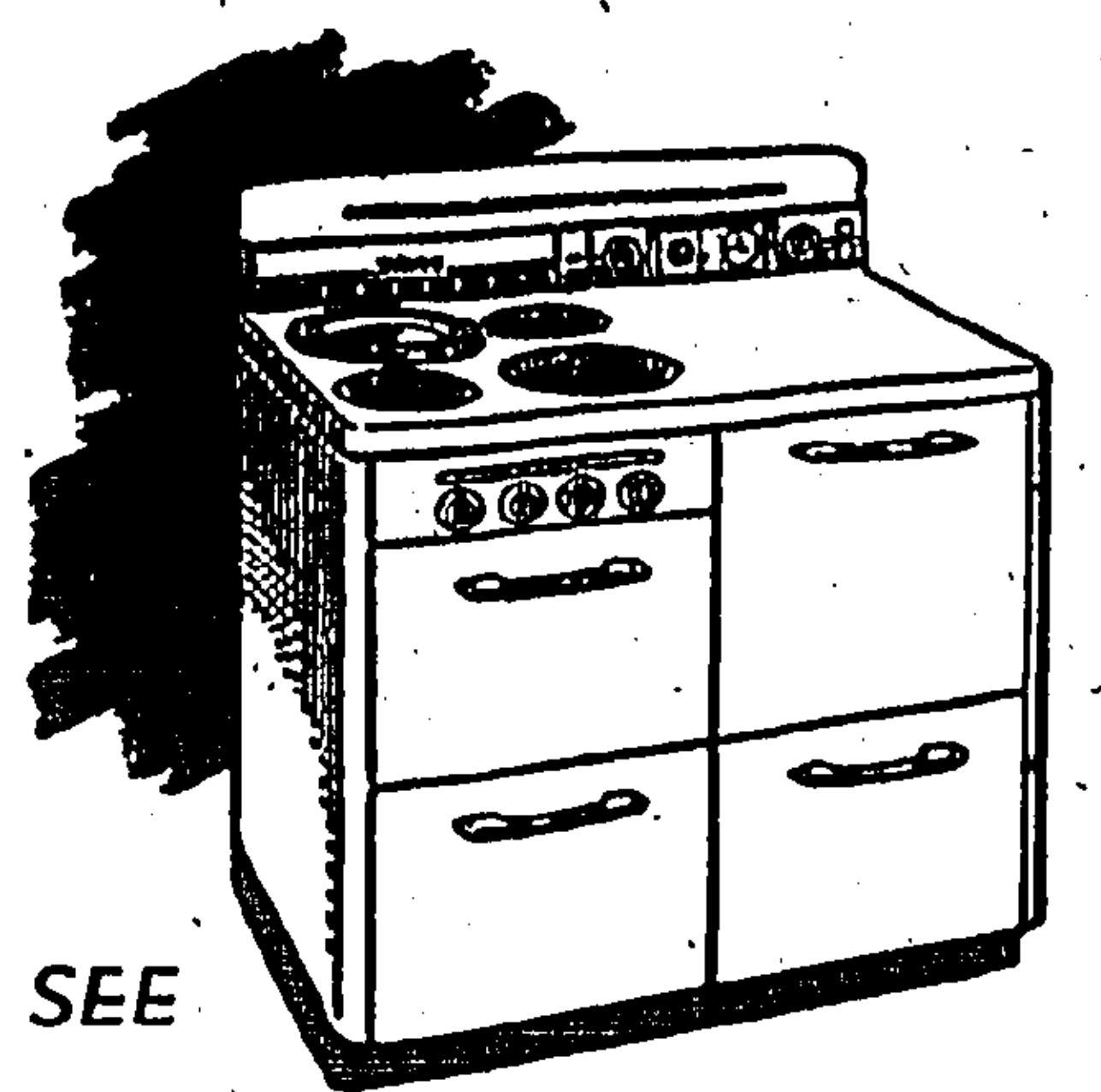
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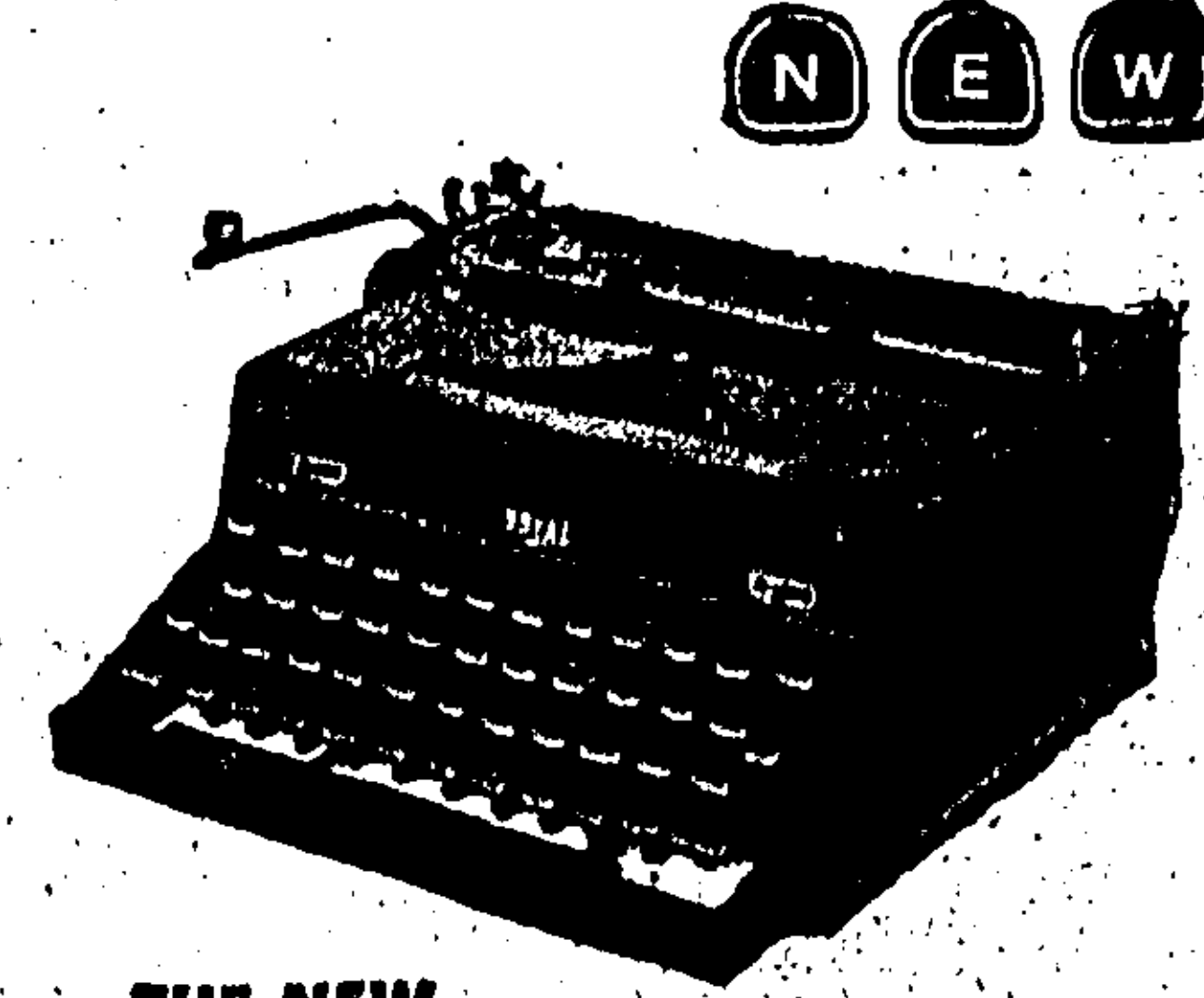
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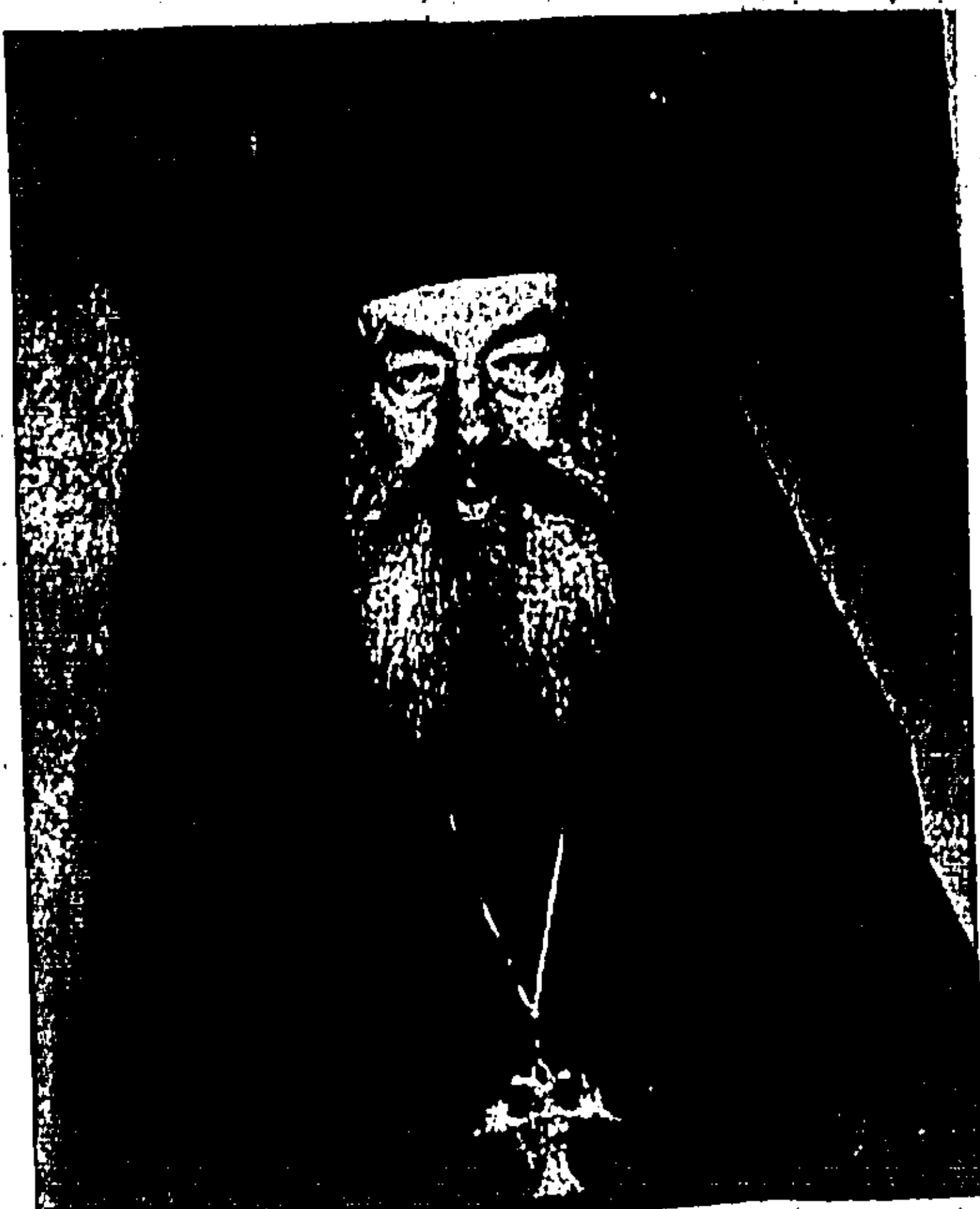
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Bishop Spyridon, 74-year-old, Bishop of Yanina, was elected recently Archbishop of Athens and all Greece by 42 votes out of a total of 67. He succeeds Archbishop Damaskinos, who died last month. The new Archbishop was born in Epirus in 1875 and was close friend of the late Archbishop Damaskinos. During the German occupation Archbishop Damaskinos intervened to save him when he was sentenced to death by the Italians for taking part in the resistance movement.—AP Photo.

Reds May Involve Port Of London In New Issue

London, June 19. Mr. Arthur Doakin, the General Secretary of the British Transport and General Workers Union, said today that Communists who have been active around the London Docks might attempt tomorrow to involve the Port in the dispute between the two Canadian seamen's unions. Ports throughout Britain became strike-free for the first time in six weeks last Wednesday when dock workers at Bristol and Avonmouth ended their unofficial stoppages, which were caused by their refusal to unload Canadian ships manned by members of the Seafarers' International Union.

The British dockers acted in sympathy with the Canadian Seamen's Union.

Another test will come tomorrow when London dockers will be called on to unload two Canadian ships, the 6,034-ton Beaverbrook and the 7,168-ton Argonaut, which have remained in the Port untouched, the first since April 3 and the second since May 8.

When the Beaverbrook arrived, crewmen of the Canadian Seamen's Union asked the British dockers to support them. Later, 70 of the crew, who staged a sitdown on board the ship left in response to a British court order.

If the dockers refuse to unload the ships tomorrow, they may be suspended from work. This might bring action by their union, the National Amalgamated Society of Stevedores and Dockers, which is supporting the Canadian Seamen's Union.

Mr. Doakin, whose union has advised its dockers members not to enter the dispute, said tonight that he had taken steps to avoid their involvement in the trouble here.—Reuter.

GENERAL MARKOS' DENIAL

London, June 19.

The Soviet news agency, Tass, reported from Bucharest today that General Markos Vafiades, head of the Greek Communist rebels, has denied that he was removed from his post for "Titoism" in a letter to the Greek Communist Party last Wednesday.

Markos described as slanderous fabrications the reports that he supported Marshal Tito in his fight with the Cominform.

Markos was relieved of his position by the Central Committee of the Greek Communist Party last January on the grounds of ill health, but later rebel radio broadcasts indicated that he had expressed Nationalist tendencies, the same things for which Marshal Tito was kicked out of the Cominform 11 months ago.

The letter denying pro-Titoism was the first sign of life from Markos since his removal. The letter indicated that he was still recuperating from his illness.—United Press

NEW ARMS AID PLAN FOR GLOBAL SECURITY

Washington, June 19.

To Excavate Fully Intact Mammoth

Moscow, June 19.

A group of scientists has been sent by the Soviet Academy of Sciences to excavate the fully intact body of a mammoth, discovered in the externally frozen soil of the Arctic peninsula of Taimyr, Siberia.

Preliminary work has shown that the mammoth's flesh, internal organs and hairy skin have been preserved in perfect condition by the ice.

One such specimen is preserved today in the Leningrad Zoological Museum.

The remains of the mammoth (Elephas Primigenius), an extinct breed of elephant, are found in all Northern continent. They roamed Central Europe in the Pleistocene Age, when the North Sea was covered by forest land.

Despite its name the average mammoth did not greatly exceed in size the African elephant of today, the largest specimen yet discovered standing 13 feet in height. The disappearance of the pine forests, on the leaves and undergrowth of which it fed, led to this prehistoric animal's extinction.

Its fossil remains in Siberia supply large quantities of valuable ivory.—Reuter.

It was learned today that Latin-American countries India, Pakistan and Thailand may be authorized to purchase with their own money about \$100,000,000 worth of United States military equipment under the proposed global arms aid programme.

It was authoritatively disclosed that this amount has been earmarked for such purchases under the programme which officials have drafted to submit to the Congress in about two weeks.

It was believed that the authority for such countries to buy arms would be distinct from the \$320,000,000 which the Administration is expected to ask the Congress to grant for military aid to nations outside Europe in whose security the United States is interested, especially Greece and Turkey.

The overall arms aid request will be for \$1,470,000,000 of which \$1,130,000,000 is expected to be earmarked for aid to North Atlantic Alliance countries. The other \$320,000,000 would be mostly outright grants of military equipment to Greece, Turkey, Korea, the Philippines and Iran.

The discussion of the proposed \$100,000,000 purchase authorization was the first indication, however, of the form of aid which may be offered to others.

It was understood that representatives of several Latin-American governments, India, Pakistan and Iran, have asked permission to obtain arms the way in the United States and that if the Congress approves, it will probably be granted.

To Buy Directly

Officials here explained that contract authorizations would allow the governments concerned to buy with their own funds new arms from United States manufacturers directly or purchase some equipment at present in use by the United States Army itself.

The \$100,000,000 would be the limit beyond which such sales could not be granted. Thus far, there has been little indication of the type of equipment that the Eastern Hemisphere countries desire to purchase, but there are reports that India would like to obtain 75 mm ammunition and aircraft parts among other things.

It was understood that Pakistan is interested in training some of their Army officers in the United States—a project which could be charged against the aid programme or other appropriations.

Latin-American countries were reported to have asked a wide variety of equipment, including warships.—United Press.

Unpopular Job For America

Washington, June 18. The United States, having inherited from Britain the unpopular job of umpire between the Arabs and Jews, appears today to be under attack from both sides.

The Arabs have taken the position that the United States has forced them to accept unfavourable armistice terms and it is up to the United States to give the way for an acceptable final peace.

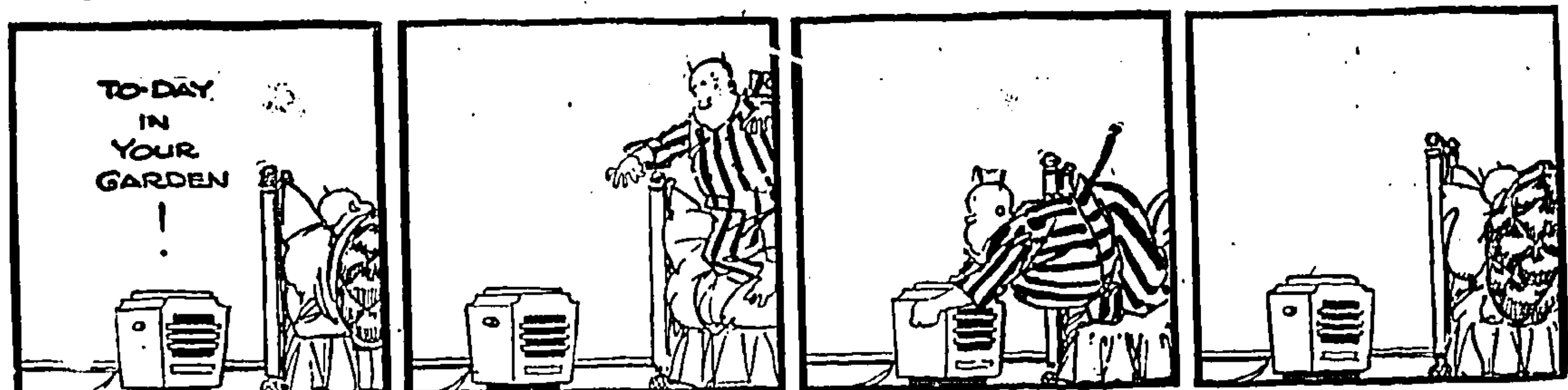
Jewish quarters feel that the United States is trying to exert pressure on them into accepting unfavourable peace terms. In addition, Daniel Frisch, President of the Zionist Organisation of America, charged that State Department officials are plotting against Israel and demanded President Truman's intervention.

Recently, on the same day that the Tel Aviv radio broadcast Foreign Minister Moshe Sharret's criticism of the United States' stand in the Lausanne talks, the official Arab radio broadcast that the United States proposals were detrimental to the Arabs. The United States insists that it seeks only impartial peace.—United Press.

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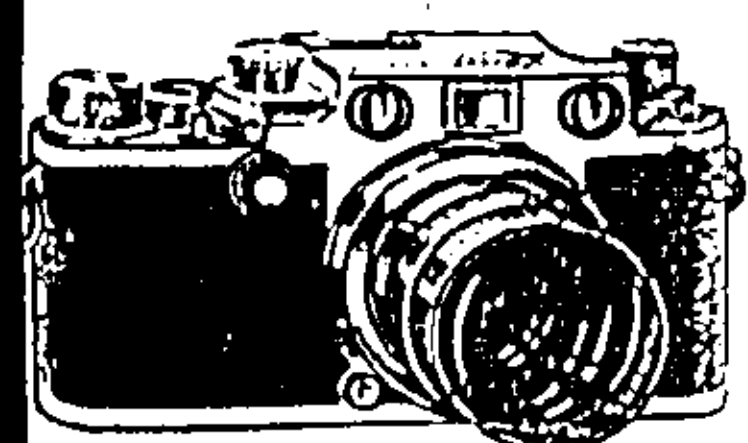


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KAI TAK TOPICS

A newspaperman cursed his luck at Kai Tak yesterday. Not that this was the first time or, for that matter, his last. But it was certainly his worst yet—so far. He was Mr. O. P. (O'Fluck) Gorry, photographer of the Associated Press based in Tokyo. In Hong Kong last week, while covering the arrival of the Laotian Prime Minister, he was struck by a car and was hospitalized for three days. He was returning to Japan where arrangements for his getting into hospital there had been made. But arriving at Kai Tak yesterday, he was told by the PAA that his plane was "off-loaded" and Chuck with some others would not be accommodated. Apparently the PAA plane was making a direct flight to Tokyo because of weather reasons and extra fuel had to be taken. His newsmen friends, there to see him off, cheered him up with something cold. But not before Chuck had let off steam in words unprintable.

The BOAC's "Canadair" which arrived here on Sunday on a survey flight from the UK, will take off for Tokyo on Thursday. It will be making similar flights to Manila and Bangkok before returning to its base in the UK.

On a BOAC flying boat from Singapore was Lieutenant Colonel S. A. Woods of the Royal Tank Corps. He was accompanied by Captain E. J. Robinson.

STEALS SIX METAL FLANGES

For stealing six metal flanges from the Kowloon Docks on Saturday, Ching Kow, aged 24, was sentenced to four months by Mr. Blair Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

On Saturday, defendant was seen acting in suspicious manner. On the approach of the watchman defendant ran away, but was arrested.

Defendant admitted having cut the flanges from copper pipes being reconditioned for a tanker.

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12.15 p.m.—Religious Talk. (BBC/TS)

12.30 p.m.—"Hong Kong Calling" (BBC/TS)

12.35 p.m.—London Studio Melodies... A Programme of Continuous Music by the Masterworks with Wilfred Perry (Piano). (BBC/TS)

1.00 p.m.—Lena Horne (Vocal) and Glenn Miller and His Orchestra. (BBC/TS)

1.15 p.m.—New Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—"The Show" (BBC/TS)

1.30 p.m.—Close Down.

1.35 p.m.—"Hong Kong Calling" (BBC/TS)

6.01 p.m.—"Time for Music" (BBC/TS)

6.05 p.m.—Midland Light Orchestra. (BBC/TS)

6.10 p.m.—"Cantonese by Radio, Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and S. K. Lee. (Radio)

6.15 p.m.—"Down Memory Lane" Presented by Allen Woods. (Radio)

7.20 p.m.—Colonial Month. Speech by His Majesty the King, Opening the Colonial Exhibition from Church House, Westminster. Commentator: Richard Doolittle. Presented by a Tour of the Exhibition in Oxford Street. (London Relay)

7.45 p.m.—BBC Symphony Orchestra. (BBC/TS)

8.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)

8.15 p.m.—"Meet the Paragons" (Studio)

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9.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay)

9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.11 p.m.—Variety Handicap. From the Cambridge Theatre. London. (BBC/TS)

9.40 p.m.—Orchestra Raymond. (BBC/TS)

9.55 p.m.—Chamber Music. Recital. Brahms: Trio in A Minor. Louis Kentner (Piano) Reginald Kell (Clarinet). Arthur Gilling (Cello). (BBC/TS)

10.21 p.m.—"The Birth of Louis XIV" A short play "The Birth of Louis XIV" (BBC/TS)

10.35 p.m.—Music for Dancing "A La Française" (BBC/TS)

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)

11.15 p.m.—Speech by His Majesty the King, Opening the Colonial Exhibition, followed by "Colonial Journey" A feature programme produced by Leonard Cottrell and R.D. Smith. (London Relay)

12.15 p.m.—Close Down.

TOP PRIORITY URGED FOR FAR EAST PROBLEMS

Geneva, June 18.

Mr. M. A. Master, Indian ship-owner, ship-builder and airline director, today told the 61-nation International Labour Organisation's conference here that top priority must be given to the problems of under-developed countries. Speaking as the Indian employers' representative at the conference, which contains Government, employers and workers' delegates from each member country, Mr. Master insisted that the International Labour Office give more of its attention to areas of the world outside Europe and the Americas.

"Experience has brought home to all of us the inescapable truth that fuller employment, improved conditions of work and higher standards of living can only be achieved if a country is able to create new wealth by increasing its productivity and by expanding its economic and industrial activity."

"The study, therefore, of the economic conditions of these under-developed and undeveloped countries and to find out what their urgent and immediate needs are for increasing their production, for developing their agriculture and industries and for creating new wealth in their lands."

"It will be recognised that unless the needs and requirements of the under-developed countries are fully and urgently met for enabling them to march forward on the path of intensive agriculture and rapid industrialisation, unless they are allowed to build up an economic structure which can evolve sufficient strength to hold its own against competitive forces in the economic world, it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, for these countries to keep pace with the highly developed countries of the world in their onward march towards raising the standard of the life and improving the lot of the common man."

Storn Realities

"I am glad that he has emphasised this vital aspect of the world economic situation because, however anxious and enthusiastic we may be to reach our ideals in the shortest time possible, of implementing a progressive social policy we shall have to recognise stern realities and shall have to face them for the common good of all with courage, foresight and decision."

Speaking of the fundamental political and economic change all round which the post-war world has witnessed, Mr. Master added, "The basic importance of Asia and particularly South East Asia to world peace and stability can no longer now be ignored."

"The fundamental postulates of a global economy divided into the developed and undeveloped countries, although not yet altered, are now directly challenged. Political and economic thought has in responsible quarters now ceased to encourage the exploitation of non-metropolitan or colonial countries. "The economic development of all parts of the world has been acknowledged as an international obligation and has been considered as fundamental to the future peace and prosperity of the world. "It will be, therefore, impossible to justify the glaring omission of any reference in the report to the present economic situation in the undeveloped and under-developed countries of the world."

Growing Demand

"I am really surprised that this should be so because the International Labour Organisation will not be able to fulfil its mission in the future unless there is a frank and forthright recognition on its part of the needs of under-developed countries and unless it makes concerted efforts to solve these problems immediately and effectively."

"There is a growing demand in these under-developed countries for increasing production, for promoting industrialisation and for improving standards of living."

"These countries are members of the International Labour Organisation. They share the ideals of this great Organisation."

"They are anxious to enact legislation or take other suitable action, or create appropriate conditions whereby they may be able to fulfil these ideals."

"There is therefore, greater reason for the International Labour Organisation to study carefully the economic situation and the economic conditions of these under-developed and undeveloped countries and to find out what their urgent and immediate needs are for increasing their production, for developing their agriculture and industries and for creating new wealth in their lands."

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First Priority

"I would, therefore, appeal to the Director-General, in all earnestness, that he should give the first priority in his study of the economic background of the world to the problems and difficulties which lie in the path of the under-developed countries in the creation of new wealth and in the implementation of a progressive policy of social justice."

"The presentation of a report setting forth the result of such studies will, I am sure, remove the feeling of disappointment and frustration to which my friend Mr. Suresh Chandra Banerjee, workers' delegate from India, gave expression when he remarked to the conference that 'the International Labour Office is influenced more by European countries and the United States of America' and added that 'Indian and Asiatic countries, however large in population, receive scant attention'."

Mr. Master also said that the I.L.O. had made remarkable contributions towards ameliorating the conditions of the workers of the world but conventions are framed as a result of a majority of votes and the attitude of the under-developed countries towards various problems is often bound to differ from that of the highly developed countries."

Expediency rather than conviction often governs the attitude of some governments towards these matters and purely political considerations, sometimes influence vital decisions on matters of social policy, he said.

There is often not that full measure of intelligent understanding of the peculiar circumstances in under-developed countries. Why, therefore, should there be any surprise at the number of conventions remaining unratified?"

It is the serious responsibility of the I.L.O. to analyse this situation and suggest effective means of wider ratification of conventions in the future, Mr. Master said.—Reuter.

To Establish Asian Labour Federation

Geneva, June 19.

Trade union leaders from eight Eastern countries—all opposed to the Communist-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions—voted in Geneva today to establish an Asian Federation of Labour. The eight countries represented at today's meeting, a spokesman said, have been invited to participate in discussions here next week-end and found the establishment of a non-Communist world organisation of trade unions. The principal sponsors of the new World Trade Union Congress, the American Federation of Labour and the Congress of Industrial Organizations of the United States and the Veterans Federation of Trade Unions.

The eight countries joining together in the Asian Federation are Turkey, Japan, China, the Philippines, India, Pakistan, Iran and Indonesia. Others expected to join the federation are Syria, Israel, Ceylon, Burma, Siam and Afghanistan. Associated Press.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

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The Outward Airmail for United Kingdom, scheduled to close at 5 p.m. on Monday, June 20, will now close on Tuesday, June 21 at 4.30 p.m. and GPO Hong Kong 5 p.m. (Registered mail half an hour earlier).

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Closing Times by Sea
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Swatow, 3 p.m.

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Closing Times by Sea
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Hailow, Fochow, Hailow, Straits and Hankow, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23
Closing Times by Air
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

Industrial Production In U.S. Continues To Decline

New York, June 19.

A belief gained ground the past week that pessimistic talk and high prices are hurrying business along a downward path.

Industrial production fell again. Unemployment climbed. Steel operations were lower for the ninth consecutive week. Tension increased in labour matters.

Car-loadings, a reliable business barometer, were at a top since November 20, and car manufacturers turned out cars at the highest rate in 12 years.

Despite dark spots—once economists called them cloudy but not murky—business leaders said there is no fear of a real depression. They warned, however, "We can frighten ourselves into a real recession." Everyone had an eye cocked on labour contract negotiations with the steel and coal industries, which set patterns for other industries.

The Congress of Industrial Organizations' Textile Workers' Union, however, decided not to seek wage increases for its 120,000 members because of poor business in the cotton rayon industry.

And John L. Lewis' 480,000 miners were ordered back to the pits next Monday as planned. Some men doubted whether the walkout, designed to stabilise the industry, would end after one week.

The stoppage of work in the coal mines was among factors that led some economists to revise the estimates on industrial production.

Unemployment rolled up post-war highs in many areas, some of the rise due to the coal miners' absence.

The rising curve and swelling relief rolls have resulted in some states passing depression-style relief laws and in some cities reviving work relief projects.

But an Associated Press survey indicated no national emergency and most states are certain they will be able to handle relief loads in stride.

Wall Street had the shivers early in the week as a selling wave on the stock exchange sent prices to the lowest level in 4½ years. But at midweek the market bounded back and wound up with a session that was neither particularly good nor impressively bad.

National income generally remained high, but farm income dipped a bit. For the first four months of the year farm income was lower than early 1948 in every mid-Western state. The Agriculture department forecast a drop of around 10 per cent during the first half, compared with last year.

Savings deposits continued to grow, following an axiom that consumers save more when they think lower prices are in the offing.

Alfred P. Sloan Jr., and C. E. Wilson, the top men of General Motors, weighed the bad and the good points and came up

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Hong Kong, June 20, 1949.

Pessimistic View Of US Economy

Washington, June 19.—The Public Affairs Institute today issued a pessimistic review of the United States economy. It said congress should:

1. Raise tax exemptions and reduce taxes;
2. Increase incomes where possible for those who do not benefit from lower taxes, and
3. Institute public works and service projects in distressed employment areas.

Another warning that the nation's economy is on a downward trend came from the Ford Motor Company, which rejected union demands for pension and wage increases. John Ruggs, Ford industrial relations chief, wrote United Auto Workers president Walter Reuther that the "post-war buggy ride of ever higher wages, costs and prices is over."

The Public Affairs Institute has worked closely with labour in economic research since its inception two years ago. It urged Congress to provide adequate appropriations for the United States employment Service and to re-establish the Civilian Conservation Corps, which was formed during the depression of the 1930's.

The Institute said its proposals "admittedly are not the answer to all the problems of our economy which must be met and solved if we are to have a long-term sustained economic stability and growth. They are, however, the immediate things which the government can do to mitigate the rate of economic decline and ameliorate the conditions of the immediate victims of the business recession."

Unemployment

Looking ahead, it warned that if the present economic trend continues unemployment may rise from the May level of 3,249,000 to 6,000,000 in the last quarter of this year and to almost 8,000,000 by the middle of 1950.

Analysing present unemployment, the Institute said it has hit hardest in the industrial states of California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Massachusetts, Ohio, Michigan, New York and New Jersey. Nothing in sight indicates any halt in unemployment trends.

On the contrary, industry reports indicate further downward slides. "The conditions of those who do have jobs are deteriorating badly," the report said, "their hours of employment and earnings are dropping."

To reverse the trend, purchasing power must be made available, the report said. "A false economy through budget slashing now will increase our deficits and accentuate the downward slide."

Meanwhile, speakers in a forum sponsored by the Peoples' Lobby said government, business, labour and farmers each have a responsibility to the consumer in maintaining full production at minimum cost.

Dr. Colston Warner of Amherst College, president of the Consumers Union and member of the Consumers Advisory Committee to the President's Council of Economic Advisors, said the Government may have to take drastic steps to maintain a high national income as well as to combat unemployment.

Frank Bernbach, economist for the CIO, said organised labour particularly, because of the immediate effect of a depression on the millions of members, is increasingly thinking in terms of a total economy and is anxious to work with other groups to achieve the economic stability which was envisaged by the Employment Act of 1946.—United Press.

Prices Of Metals Still Down

New York, June 20.

Prices of quicksilver, platinum, copper and zinc sagged further last week. Only lead showed signs of improvement.

Quicksilver fell another dollar to a range of \$80 to \$82 a flask of 70 pounds. Demand remained dull.

During the week 17,000 flasks of quicksilver arrived at Philadelphia for U.S. government account. It was one of the largest single shipments on record.

Platinum dropped \$3 an ounce to \$89 wholesale and \$72 an ounce retail. Shipments have fallen \$22 an ounce this year.

Copper was twice reduced, a half cent each time. The new price is 16 cents a pound. Refined copper now is 7½ cents a pound below the post-war peak and four cents above the wartime price collar.

Production cutbacks spread to foreign mines. Officials of Chile, Peru and Mexico showed increasing concern over bills pending in the U.S. Congress to restore the two-cent a pound copper import duty. The U.S. is the primary market of copper from the three Latin American nations.

The copper institute reported that refined copper shipments in the U.S. during May were the smallest for any month in 11 years. May shipments to domestic consumers totalled 32,566 tons compared with 76,134 in April and 113,154 in March.

Producers stocks climbed from 10,494 to 128,441 tons. Zinc was cut twice, ¼ cent each time. The new price is 9 cents, East Saint Louis. That is 8½ cents below the post-war high. Unofficial reports said government zinc stockpiling purchases would be negligible during the coming twelve months.

Lead sales improved for the second week. The price held firm at 12 cents a pound, New York.

The government reported that Soviet shipments of manganese and chrome to the U.S. disappeared altogether in April.

The Economic Co-operation Administration reported that in 15 months it has financed the purchases of \$345,000,000 worth of non-ferrous metals.—Associated Press.

Money Market

U.S. dollar weakened to HK\$10.18 at the close of the market yesterday after it was up to HK\$10.25. The opening rate was \$9.20.

Sterling was slightly higher at HK\$10.07, while Australian pounds were unchanged at HK\$14.

Flint was again had a marketless day, with the rate quoted nominal at HK\$12.30 a 100.

Ticals were unchanged at HK\$25.50 a 100.

NFL funders were higher at HK\$37.20 a 100.

METAL PRICE CHANGES

Pittsburgh, June 19.—Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation reduced the price of galvanneal sheets US\$1.50 a ton after a drop in the price of zinc. In Butte, Montana, the American Copper Mining Company announced it was closing a Montana zinc mine and a California zinc lead mine because of falling prices. In three months zinc has fallen from 47½ cents to nine cents a pound.—Associated Press.



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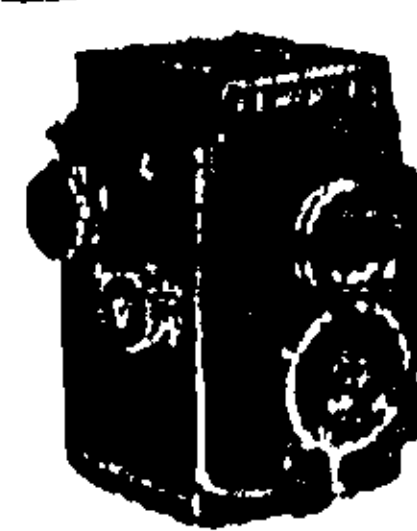
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SCAA DEFEAT LRC IN MIXED TENNIS DOUBLES

Wimbledon Tourney Starting

London, June 19. Ted Schroeder, America's favourite, and 127 other top tennis amateurs start playing on Monday for the Wimbledon men's singles tennis championship, one of the world's most valuable sports prizes.

One post-war winner, Jack Kramer, reckoned the title was worth half of the US\$115,000 he made in the first year after turning professional. The balance of that small fortune was contributed by his other tennis honours, the U.S. singles championship and Davis Cup.

Many other Wimbledon champions—Don Budge, Fred Perry and Bobby Riggs—have used Wimbledon as a stepping stone to lucrative professional careers.

Who will win the 1949 title in the final on July 17? Schroeder, 6,000 miles from his home in La Crescenta, California, is the choice with officials who seeded him first, with bookmakers who made him a 7-4 favourite and with most of the Wimbledon competitors of 27 nations.

But only one top seeded player has been successful in three post-war Wimbledon. That was Kramer, in 1947.

Most No. 1 seeds get a couple of easy rounds before they have to roll out the big guns. But not Schroeder. In the first round on Monday he comes to grips with the No. 1 darkhorse, Gardnar Mulloy of Miami, Florida.

Mulloy, 34 years old and as experienced as they come, was not seeded because the eight players were already seeded with Americans. The ill luck of the draw lined up this clash of giants.

On Saturday Schroeder beat Mulloy 6-0, 6-0 in the London grass courts championship. But he will have to show his superiority in one more set at Wimbledon. It is the best of five sets there.

Bowls Games For Today

Eleven matches in the first round of the Colony's Open Lawn Bowls Pair Championship will be contested today. Five of the matches will be played on the Mainland and six on the Island. The games to start at 5.30 p.m.

The present holders of the title, W. Hong Sling and A. M. Ribeiro will have H. V. Ribeiro and C. M. Silva as their opponents. Today's programme follows:—

AT PRO
D.M.A. Baisek and A.R.A. Rahman v. W.C. Mickle and J.H. Kinsborough.
R.M. Rumliah and E.M. Rumliah v. C.E. Marquos and J.C. Remedios.

AT CCO
G. Pope and W. Cameron v. G.E.P. Thompson and Y. Goudwin.
H.P. Eshels and W. Williamson v. A. Campbell and W. Hilley.

AT HSTG
W. Hong Sling and A.M. Ribeiro v. R.M.V. Ribeiro and G.M. Silva.
A.E. Coates and B.W. Bradbury v. J.M.A. Rumliah and L. Rumliah.

AT CCO
L. Castillo and G.F. Lee v. A.P. Ferreira and B.H. Martin.
L.J. Silva and J.V.P. Ribeiro v. A.W. Hircok and J. Attkin.

AT CCO
W. Marshall and J. McLelland v. M.H. Husein and U.A. Rumliah.
M.A. Rumliah and A.P. Ferreira v. U. Toy and A.R. Solina.

AT CCO
W. Gaffney and A.E. Elliott v. R.L. Rumliah and O.R. Rumliah.

HOCKEY TOURNEY
Prague, June 19. The S.V. Arminia Club of Vienna today won the international hockey tournament at Pestary Spa with a total of five points.

The Czech national team was second with four points.

CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 1949.

County Cricket League Standings

The position in the County cricket championship table including the series of games ending last Friday were:—

County	P	W	L	D	Points
Worcestershire	10	6	3	1	80
Yorkshire	9	5	1	2	68
Middlesex	9	3	0	6	42
Northamptonshire	10	4	3	3	52
Somerset	10	4	4	0	52
Kent	9	3	2	1	44
Surrey	8	3	2	3	44
Essex	9	2	1	5	40
Gloucestershire	9	2	1	5	40
Warwickshire	9	3	3	2	40
Nottinghamshire	8	3	2	1	36
Lancashire	9	2	2	5	36
Derbyshire	8	2	4	1	28
Sussex	8	1	5	2	16
Hampshire	8	1	5	2	16
Leicestershire	7	1	4	2	16

Baseball Scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	R	H	E
Cleveland	4	10	0
New York	2	6	1
Winning pitcher Bob Feller			
loser Joe Page			
Detroit	9	11	0
(1st game)			
Washington	0	4	3
Winning pitcher Virgil Trucks			
loser Paul Calvert			
Detroit	7	11	1
(2nd game)			
Washington	0	8	0
Winning pitcher Fred Hulse			
loser Mickey Harris			
Chicago	2	7	0
Boston	9	8	0
Winning pitcher Harry Gumbert			
loser St. Pauls			
St. Pauls	2	6	2
(1st game)			
Philadelphia	8	9	0
Winning pitcher Alex Keelner			
loser Ned Garver			
St. Louis	7	8	0
(2nd game)			
Philadelphia	3	5	0
Winning pitcher Joe Ostrowski			
loser Carl Scheib			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	R	H	E
Philadelphia	2	6	2
St. Louis	2	6	2
(1st game)			
Philadelphia	2	6	2
Winning pitcher Ted Wilks			
loser Robin Roberts			
Brooklyn	2	8	0
Chicago	8	10	2
(2nd game)			
Philadelphia	2	6	2
Winning pitcher Ted Wilks			
loser Robin Roberts			
Brooklyn	2	8	0
Chicago	8	10	2
(3rd game)			
Philadelphia	2	6	2
Winning pitcher Ted Wilks			
loser Robin Roberts			
Brooklyn	2	8	0
Chicago	8	10	2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	R	H	E
New York	4	7	2
Pittsburgh	9	9	0
Winning pitcher Bob Chalmers			
loser Larry Jansen			
Boston	5	8	1
(1st game)			
Cincinnati	2	7	2
Winning pitcher Warren Spahn			
loser Ed Ertz			
Boston	3	8	1
(2nd game)			
Cincinnati	2	8	0
Winning pitcher Johnny Antonelli			
loser Herman Wehmeier			

Patton Wins Sprint Events

Los Angeles, June 19. Mel Patton, the United States Olympic champion, won both the 100 yards and the 220 yards at the national collegiate track and field championships here, which were won by his college, the University of Southern California.

HKCC Teams

The following will represent HKCC in a friendly lawn bowls match against the Northumberland and Durham Society at Chatter Road at 5.15 p.m. tomorrow:—
A. Graham, A.S. Eason, E.P. Mitchell and H.P. Shields (Ship).
N.R. Oliver, N.J.D. Lowe, J. Skinner and W. Williamson (Ship).
D. Phillips, P.O.R. Black, R.A. Edwards and A.W. Brown (Ship).
L.R. Wood, T. Fairburn, A.E. Hawkins and R.T. Wild (Ship).
—Reuter.

SCOTS BEAT U.S.

Randalls Island, New York, June 19. The Scottish Football Association touring team beat the United States by four goals to zero today after leading 2-0 at half time. —Reuter.

Surrey Score 30 For One As NZ All Out For 465

London, June 20. Brilliant weather and a good wicket favoured the continuation of Surrey's match with the New Zealanders at Kennington Oval today. The tourists were all out for 465 in the morning, and by lunch time Surrey had scored 30 runs for one wicket.

Bogey Prize At Fanling

The second Prize Sunday at Fanling took the form of a Bogey Competition. It was won by M. S. Douglas who was five up on bogey. His card has been sent to the Handicapping Committee without comment. D. A. O. Davies and R. E. Lee were second and third with two up and one up respectively.

The weekly crop of unsigned cards prompts a reminder that competition cards must be signed by the marker. If the competitor intends to participate in the optional Pool he should make this clear. This rule saved members two dollars last weekend.

There is no Club competition fixed for the next weekend so the usual optional Bogey Pool will be held on the Old Course.

The following is the draw for the Deep Water Bay Mixed Four-some Competition.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Coombs v. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Prophet.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Markham v. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Latimer.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Elliot v. Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mackie.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Snell v. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. G. Haig v. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. S. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sainsbury v. Mrs. and Mrs. J. C. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lissman v. Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Arkell v. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Grieve.

The first round is to be played by July and 2nd round by 18 July. Handicaps, three quarters of Fanling Handicap and then three-eighths of the difference in aggregate Handicap to be taken as at date of play.

The first named couple will be responsible for fixing the date of match.

holding office in some form or another in the HKFA.

Would it be fair to deprive these outsiders of the right of opportunity to take an active part in promoting the interests of a game in which they are so genuinely interested?

Another question which the Annual General Meeting should tackle resolutely is that concerning a paid full-time Secretary.

Although the question of disbanding the Hon. Secretary in favour of a paid full-time Secretary was termed an important step involving a fundamental change in the constitution of the Association, the subject resolved but scant consideration was given to it before the Council.

Minds Made Up
It was quite apparent that the minds of certain individuals had already been made up and that they were determined to sabotage any attempt to put through the recommendation for engagement of a paid full-time Secretary.

Without giving consideration to the benefits which would ensue to the HKFA and soccer in general by the engagement of such a Secretary. These individuals were, as has been emphasized before, apparently thinking of their own interests.

When one examines the whole question thoroughly from an unprejudiced point of view, there can be no escaping the fact that a paid full-time Secretary is not only desirable but an absolute necessity.

The appointment of a paid full-time Secretary is one of the best things that could happen to Hong Kong soccer and here's hoping that the question will be revived at the Annual General Meeting and that the full and careful consideration it deserves will be continuously borne in mind that the interests of soccer in this Colony are at stake—not the interests of a handful of men.

There are many non-factional outsiders of good repute who possess a deep and sincere interest in the game and who are fully acquainted with all that is going on in soccer circles and in the HKFA. These outsiders could be called upon to serve better than the members of soccer in this Colony that many of these men.

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ENGLAND'S TEAM FOR TEST

London, June 19. The England team to meet New Zealand in a second Test match on Saturday, June 25, shows one change from the drawn first Test. Alec Bedser, Surrey's fast medium bowler, has been replaced by Cliff Gladwin, the Derbyshire pace bowler.

The team is as follows: F. G. Mann (captain) (Middlesex), W. Edrich (Middlesex), T. Bailey (Essex), L. Hutton (Yorkshire), D. Compton (Middlesex), W. Hollies (Warwickshire), C. Washbrook (Lancashire), T. G. Evans (Kent), J. Young (Middlesex), C. Gladwin (Derbyshire), A. Warner (Lancashire). The 12th man is A. Watkins (Glamorgan).

The passing over of Bedser was not unexpected. He failed to take a wicket at the first Test. While his bowling is accurate, it is felt by many observers that he will regain his full liveliness if rested for a spell from representative cricket.

Actually, the Surrey man has captured one more wicket than Gladwin this season—42 against 41—but the tall 31-year-old Derbyshire bowler is in top form.

Only a week ago, he took 10 wickets against Worcestershire. Gladwin began his Test career against South Africa in England two seasons ago and his fine work last summer brought his selection for the return trip during the winter. —Reuter.

HUNGJAO GOLF CLUB OPENED

Shanghai, June 20. A battlefield only a month ago, the Hungjao Golf Club is today again the Mecca of Shanghai golfers with the re-opening of the greens for play.

Only nine holes have so far been made playable. The greens and fairways which formed a battlefield four weeks ago were crowded yesterday.

The Hungjao Golf Club is the venue of the annual China Open Golf Championship. —Reuter.

SPORTS GOSSIP

This year is Hong Kong's turn to visit the Philippines for the interport swimming meet which began last year when we were "at home" to the Filipinos.

And everyone still remembers surely, what a rude shock we received at the hands of the Philippine squad last October, notwithstanding the redeeming efforts by our girls in the same meet.

We were quite confident then that our swimmers could hold their own. The Filipinos metric times, when knocked down to our denominator, compared quite evenly with our own records.

But then we found out later that the visitors had the advantage. Having completed in metric distances, yards to them were much easier.

When we travel South this November the same factors will come into play. Only this time we will be at the disadvantage: we shall have to swim from yards to metres and in a 50-metre bath probably.

Hopefuls for interport representation this year would do well to consider adding the extra yards to their respective distances while training for their events and not get stumped in the extra yards of the metre-races.

The packed stands at the Eastern VRC swim meet last Saturday speak out demanding for keen, competitive swim shows.

The Colony's swimming chiefs will do well to organise a grand inter-club swim meet involving the VRC, Eastern, and Tuen Mun, the Chinese YMCA. Fixing the date the middle of July to give the competitors some time to reach top form.

The programme we propose, after close survey of all four clubs' ability: 100 yards free style, 440 yards free style, 100 yards back stroke, 220 yards breast stroke, 2 x 100 medley relay and the 4 x 225 yards relay.

Women's events: 100 yards free style, 100 yards back stroke, 220 yards breast stroke, 2 x 50 yards medley.

George Saunders, the Colony's 50 yards champion and record holder raised hopes at VRC on Saturday night when he out-drove both of Eastern's living stars Wong Kin-wan and Chan Wai-sun both of whom placed in the championship last year.

With neat execution and close-to-perfect entries George led in every round of the four dives during the exhibition, securing an easy best performance of the evening.

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